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SODALITY

OF THE

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THE SODALITY

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I.

BRIEF NOTICE OF ITS ORIGIN.

FATHER JOHN LEONTIUS (Van de Leeuw), a Belgian Jesuit, who taught grammar at the Roman College in 1563, was the founder of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Filled with the desire to inspire his pupils with solid piety, and, above all, with devotion to the Mother of God, he erected a tiny altar for them in one of the class rooms, before which they frequently assembled together for prayer and pious reading. These meetings were encouraged by the presence of Father Leontius, who occasionally presided at them, addressing a few words of exhortation, and joining in the hymns they sang in honour of the Blessed Virgin. Soon afterwards the students of the higher classes of Philosophy and Theology began to follow the example of the younger students. This special veneration bestowed on the Mother of God by her devoted clients was recompensed with abundant graces. As the devotion quickly spread through the whole college, it was deemed advisable to organize the incipient Sodality. After some deliberation it was decided that a portion of the office of the Blessed Virgin should be recited and some canticles be sung in her honour.

Later on, in 1576, one of the Sodalists was chosen from amongst their number to act as prefect of the candidates, or, as he was styled, *master of novices*. His duty was to explain the spirit and obligations of the Sodality to those seeking admission into its ranks. In 1578 another office was created by the appointment of a *prefect of music* for the Sodality choir.

The visible fruits of piety and promotion of study resulting from the foundation of this holy institute, already placed under the special protection of our "Blessed Lady of the Annunciation," induced several of the colleges of the Society to avail themselves of its advantages.

The Congregation, or the Sodality, as from its commencement it was indifferently styled, did not as yet, however, receive canonical sanction. This solemn approval Father Claudius Aquaviva sought and obtained from Gregory XIII., to whom he made known the incalculable good it had effected in the Roman colleges and other colleges of the Society where it had been established. On the 5th December, 1584, the Sovereign Pontiff, by letter apostolic, canonically created the Sodality, "Prima Primaria," and enriched it with indulgences and many privileges. He granted, moreover, to the General, for the time being, of the Society of Jesus, or to his Vicar, the power of aggregating to the "Prima Primaria" the Sodalities established in other colleges of the Society, making them thereby share in the same spiritual privileges. Lastly he declared the General of the Society, or his Vicar, the Director-General, in perpetuity, of the Congregation, with power to frame rules, to modify and change them as he might deem it prudent or profitable for God's greater glory. This last provision is in force up to the present, notwithstanding the Bull of Clement VIII., which subjects the rules of Confraternities to the Ordinary of each diocese. In 1586, Sixtus V. confirmed these favours, and gave permission to have Sodalities erected in all houses and churches confided to the Society. He also allowed them to be established for the faithful of both sexes, with permission that some feast of the Blessed Virgin might be selected as titular feast of the Sodality.

Clement VIII., in 1602, and Gregory XV., in 1621, still further increased the privileges granted by their predecessors.

In his "Golden Bull," dated 27th September, 1747, Bendict XIV. ratified these favours and added new ones. This Bull contains the highest eulogium of the Society of Jesus and of the Sodality it had established. Four years later, in 1751, he bestowed on the Sodality additional and not less important privileges.

In his Apostolic Letter of the 16th May, 1824, by which he restored the Roman College to the Society of Jesus, Leo XII. confirmed all the favours hitherto granted the Sodality; and on the 7th March, 1825, by Rescript, he extended those privileges to Sodalities neither erected in the houses or churches of the Society, nor entrusted to its direction.

Finally, Gregory XVI. and Pius IX. have repeatedly ratified, through the Congregation of Indulgences, the concessions of their predecessors, while his present reigning Holiness, Leo XIII., has enriched with extraordinary indulgences the celebration of the tercentenary of the Sodality.

Father Aquaviva, assisted by seventeen consultors, drew up the rules of the "Prima Primaria," which, as the Bull "Omnipotentis Dei," lays down, should be faithfully observed by all Sodalities affiliated to it. These rules, in the course of time, and in virtue of the powers granted to the Society of Jesus, have undergone various modifications. The rules in actual use at present are those which have been approved by the Very Rev. P. Beckx, General of the Society of Jesus, and published at Rome in 1855, under the title, "*Leges et statuta Sodalitatum B.M.V. quæ 'Primæ Primariæ' conjunctæ sunt.*" They are found at page 13.

Before terminating this brief historical sketch of the Sodality it will be interesting to insert a portion of the letter of the present Vicar-General of the Society of Jesus, Very Rev. A. M. Anderledy, addressed to the Fathers and Brothers of the same Society on the occasion of the tercentenary of the Sodality, 5th December, 1884. Having dwelt on the privileges granted to it by the Holy See, he continues: "In the seventeenth century seventeen Cardinals were members of the 'Prima Primaria;' seven out of this number sat in the Chair of Peter, namely, Urban VIII., Alexander VII., Clement IX., Clement X., Innocent X., Innocent XI., and Clement XI. Cardinal Frederic Borromeo founded a Sodality at Milan for boys and men. At Naples the Sodality owed its origin to the piety of the Apostolic Nuncio, and included all classes, from the highest to the lowest. Sigismund III., King of Poland and Sweden, Philip and Ferdinand, Princes of Bavaria, begged to be allowed to enrol their names as members of the Sodality in the year 1602. Maximilian Henry, Duke of Bavaria, was elected Prefect of the Sodality at Cologne in 1639. Ladislaus IV., King of Poland, belonged to the Sodality at Louvain, and had another established at Warsaw. His brother, John Casimir, King of Poland and Sweden, claimed admission into the Sodality at Warsaw, while he and his second brother, Ferdinand, were by turns elected Prefects of the Warsaw Sodality. Ferdinand II., king, not as yet emperor, was a member of the Sodality of our Lady. The following words, written by the monarch, are found in the archives of the Sodality: 'On November 7, 1618, Ferdinand, King of Hungary and Bohemia, Archduke of Austria, Sodalist of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, wrote these words.' Later on, as emperor, in the most solemn manner, he declared the Mother of God Supreme Empress of his army. Ferdinand III. made the following profession of faith in writing when he became a member of the Louvain Sodality: 'Willingly do I profess myself one of that Congregation, O most august Mary, that has met together under thy patronage. To

thee I entrust myself, my wife, and children: to thee the Roman empire, over which God has placed me: to thee, and to thy protection, my people and my armies, fighting for thee and for thy Son. Do thou acknowledge me as thine, who for thy honour, and for that of thy Son, live, reign, and battle. I shall be thine, O Mary; all who belong to me shall also be thine; my possessions and kingdoms and empire shall be thine. My people and my army are thine; do thou protect them; do thou conquer for them; do thou rule and reign in them. Thus do I vow, thine in dutifulness and thine by justice.—FERDINAND, 1640.'"

II.

SPIRITUAL ADVANTAGES AFFORDED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SODALITIES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

The Sovereign Pontiffs, and especially Benedict XIV., in their apostolic letters, have enumerated the principal advantages obtained by the members of the Congregation. It will be sufficient to indicate them briefly.

1°. The first is the special protection which the Blessed Virgin cannot fail to extend to those who are consecrated to her service. "Now all good things came to me with her, and innumerable riches through her hands" (Wisd. vii. 11).

2°. The efficacy of the prayers of the Sodality recited not only in private, but also in common, for temporal as well as spiritual needs, for the living as well as for the deceased members of the Congregation. "For where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. xviii).

3°. The obligation which each Sodalist contracts of observing the rules of the Sodality when he is admitted into the Congregation. For though they do not bind under pain of sin, yet they impose a gentle restraint on a sincere Sodalist to be faithful to their observance, in virtue of the engagement he has voluntarily undertaken. Experience abundantly teaches members of the Sodality that, were it not for their attendance at the meetings of the Sodality, and their compliance with its ordinances and pious usages, in many instances they would have quickly grown tepid in the practices of religion, and perhaps have seriously imperilled their salvation.

4°. The grace imparted by the admonitions, instructions, discourses preached at the meetings of the Sodality.

5°. The opportunities and inducements for the frequent reception of the Sacraments, which purify the

soul, detach it from the love of the world, and lift it to heavenly things.

6°. The public reading of pious books at the meetings of the Sodality, as well as the private spiritual reading of the individual members.

7°. Meditation on the eternal truths, and on the mysteries of the life and death of our Lord.

8°. The numerous opportunities afforded the members of the Sodality of gaining the large indulgences granted them by the Holy See.

9°. The exercise of the spirtual and corporal works of mercy, which, from the foundation of the Sodality, has always been one of its leading characteristics. When established at Rome, Paris, Douay, Cologne, &c., the Sodalists of every rank and calling were to be seen visiting the hospitals, the prisons, the homes of the poor, the ignorant, the afflicted, now engaged in consoling, again in instructing or leading back to the Sacraments many who, in those unhappy times, had fallen away from truth and morality. Everywhere and by every means they sought to promote God's greater glory and the salvation of souls.

10°. The good example mutually given by the Sodalists not only at their Sodality meetings, but not unfrequently also in their social relations. The Sodality has always been able to reckon among its members a chosen number whose solid virtue and sterling goodness hold them up as models for their companions.

11°. The watchful solicitude of the Directors, Superiors, and Officers of the Congregation exercised in behalf of the members. Many Sodalists are indebted for their perseverance in virtue, or their repentance, if they have erred, to the earnest prayers and kindly vigilance of those to whose care the Sodality is entrusted.

12°. The well-founded confidence cherished by every faithful Sodalist of obtaining final perseverance and an eternal crown. "A child of Mary shall never perish."

III.

Indulgences, granted by the Roman Pontiffs both to the Sodality "Prima Primaria," or Congregation of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, erected in the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, and to other Sodalities erected in the same manner, or hereafter to be erected, provided they be canonically aggregated to the said "Prima Primaria."

PLENARY INDULGENCES FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL OF BOTH SEXES.

1. A plenary indulgence may be gained by all Sodalists and by all the faithful of both sexes, not members of the Sodality, who, truly penitent, and having confessed their sins and received Holy Communion, shall piously visit a church, or chapel, or oratory, on the day of the feast or title of the same Sodality, any time between First Vespers and sunset, and there pray for the preservation and increase of the Christian religion, for the extirpation of heresy, for peace among Christian princes, for the welfare of the Roman Pontiff, or any other prayers according to the particular devotion of each.

2. If the Sodality has another title, or another patron besides the Blessed Virgin, in the same manner a plenary indulgence is granted for the day on which the feast of the said Sodality is celebrated. If, however, there be no such title, the Director of any such Sodality can, each year, with the leave of the Ordinary, make choice of any day he pleases.

3. In like manner, with leave of the Ordinary, either feast may be transferred to another day within the year, even to a Sunday, and then the said indulgences may be held to be granted for the day on which the feast is celebrated, even if a double should happen to fall on that day, in which case one solemn Votive Mass of this transferred feast may be celebrated.

4. A plenary indulgence and remission of all sins may be gained on the day on which any one is received into the Sodality, if, truly penitent, and having confessed his sins, he shall on the same day receive the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist in a church where the said Sodality is established, or in any other place.

5. Likewise at the hour of death.

6. Also on the feasts of the Nativity and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ of the Annunciation, Assumption, Conception, and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by all Sodalists who, truly penitent, and having confessed their sins, shall devoutly receive the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

7. Also once a week, on those days on which, according to the statutes and rules or customs of the said "Prima Primaria," or of any other Sodality elsewhere erected, or hereafter to be erected, an assembly of the Sodalists is usually held, if, truly penitent, and having confessed their sins and received Holy Communion, they shall visit a church, or chapel, or oratory, or place of any Sodality, and there fervently pray to God for peace among Christian princes, for the extirpation of heresy, and for the exaltation of our holy Mother the Church.

When, however, the Sodalists assemble twice or three times in the same week, the day for gaining the plenary indulgence will be left to the choice of each. In these matters, however, and in all other things, Sodalists are strongly recommended to follow the advice of their Directors.

8. In those Sodalities in which the Sodalists are accustomed to assemble in the evening or night, or at any other hour after mid-day, the plenary indulgence may be gained on the day of assembly, or on the day following, as each one may choose.

9. The priests who are Directors of the same Sodality (provided that they have obtained leave once for all from the Ordinary), as often as they shall visit the members of the Sodality who are suffering from illness, and shall assist them by their spiritual counsels, either to bear patiently the hardships of disease or to be willing to accept death from the hand of God; and if, before an image of our Crucified Saviour, they shall procure that the Lord's Prayer and the Angelical Salutation be recited by the sick person at least three times, according to the mind of the Pope and of our holy mother the Church, can apply to them a plenary indulgence on the day on which the sick person shall have received Holy Communion.

10. Twice in the year the Sodalists may gain the plenary indulgence granted once a week, even if they have not visited the place itself of the Sodality, provided that they shall visit another church, in which, after a general confession, either of their whole life or since their last general confession, they shall receive the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

11. This practice of making a general confession is most praiseworthy; and a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is particularly commended by the Sovereign Pontiffs. Upon Sodalists, moreover, it is enjoined that they should always obey, with a prompt and ready will, the counsels and commands of their own Directors.

INDULGENCES OF SEVEN YEARS WHICH MEMBERS OF THE SODALITY GAIN AS OFTEN AS THE FOLLOWING WORKS ARE PERFORMED.

12. By following the remains of deceased Sodalists, or of any of the faithful of Christ, to ecclesiastical burial.

13. When admonished, by the sound of a bell, of the last agony of any of the faithful, by praying to God for the recovery of the sick person, or for a happy death, or, if he be dead, for rest to his soul.

14. By assisting at public and private assemblies of the

Sodality, or at divine office, or spiritual conferences and exhortations.

15. Or even at pious offices in behalf of deceased members of the Sodality, or of any of the faithful departed, provided that such offices, &c., have the approval of the Directors.

16. By hearing Mass on week days.

17. By diligently examining their conscience in the evening before they retire to rest.

18 By visiting the sick of the Sodality, as also those who are in hospitals or private houses.

19. Or those who are detained in prisons.

20. By reconciling enemies.

DECLARATION AND OTHER INDULGENCES.

21. Sodalists may gain all these indulgences, no matter in what place they are living, if, at the church of that place, or elsewhere, if more convenient, they shall perform the works which are prescribed above.

22. Sodalists may gain all the indulgences of the Stations of the Churches of Rome, whether within or without the walls, if during Lent, or at other times of the year, on the days of the Stations. they shall piously visit a church or chapel, or their own oratory, in the place where they may happen to be staying for the time, and there say seven times the Lord's Prayer, and seven times the Hail Mary.

INDULGENCES FOR THE DEAD.

23. All the above-mentioned indulgences can be applied for the relief of the faithful departed.

24. The altar of each Sodality is privileged, and this privilege is extended to all priests, but only when Mass is said for the soul of some deceased member of the Sodrlity.

25. But priests who are Jesuits, or are members of the Sodality, can celebrate Mass for the soul of any Sodalist, with the same privilege, at any altar and in any church.

THE 6TH OF MARCH, 1776.

Given at Rome, at the Office of the Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences.

JULIUS CÆSAR DE SOMAGLIA,

{ L. S. } Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgence.

POINTS WORTH KNOWING.

1.—The Starting of the Sodality.

The first thing to do is to write to the Messenger office in Philadelphia for the Diploma. This gives the right of forming a Sodality under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and rightfully claiming the recognition and protection of the Church.

2.—Its Erection.

Erection is nothing more than the act of the Bishop forming the Sodality.

3.—Its Affiliation.

Affiliation gives the Sodality its character and communicates the privileges and Indulgences of the *Prima Primaria* Head and Mother of the Sodalities of the World.

4.—Its Treasury.

Only after the Diploma has been received is the Sodality entitled to draw on the treasury of Indulgences. This brings it into the grand union of the kindred societies.

5.—Organization.

After the second or third meeting the Sodality should be organized by the election of officers.

6.—Postulants.

There is a two-fold reception of members, the one admitting them as Postulants, the other receiving them as Sodalists.

The reception as Postulants should take place at the second or third meeting. The term of probation should last two months or more.

7.—Reception as Sodalists.

The reception into the Sodality proper cannot take place till the canonical diploma has been received. The lawfully appointed Director, alone, is to receive the members, and it belongs to him, and not to the Prefect, to pronounce the formula by which the members are actually admitted.

8.—Essentials of Reception.

1. The one to be received must be present. 2. He must be willing to enter the Sodality. 3. The Director must be willing to receive him.

9.—Essential to Membership.

Each Sodalist's name must be entered on the Sodality register.

It is customary, though not necessary, to invest with the medal, and to present a manual of the Sodality.

10.—The Transfer Certificate.

When a member is obliged to leave the Sodality in his parish on account of change of residence, let him obtain from the Director a Certificate of Transfer. This will enable him to enter the Sodality in his new parish without undergoing the usual probation. Provided, the Sodality is composed of the same or similar class of persons, and has been canonically erected and affiliated to the Roman Prima Primaria.

11.—Its Success.

The success of the Sodality will depend upon all the members keeping as essential the rules relating to the weekly meetings (if in the country the monthly meetings), the Confession and Communion every month, and on greater festivals, the Probation and Reception of members and the like.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SODALITIES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

(A new translation of the Rules, &c., as approved by the Very Rev. Fr. Beckx, General of the Society of Jesus.)

CHAPTER I.

COMMON RULES.

I.—SINCE it is from the Most Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, principal patroness of this Sodality, we are to expect patronage and protection—as she is Mother of Mercy, loving those that love her, guardian and protectress of those who piously and religiously seek her aid—it is of the highest importance that the members of the same Sodality should not only greatly venerate, and in a very special manner honour her, but also seek, by the blameless conduct of their lives, to imitate the example of her wonderful virtues, and to excite each other to love her.

The accomplishment of all this will be greatly facilitated by the observance of the rules which it has been thought better to have committed to writing, so that, as far as possible, they may be common to all the Sodalities in union with that of Rome.

It is, however, permitted to each Sodality to have, besides these rules, others peculiar to itself, such as it may consider suited to the various circumstances of place and persons.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SODALITY.

II.—The Sodality shall be governed by the Superior of the place in which it shall be established, and by the Prefect of the Sodality itself, aided by the counsel of two assistants. To these shall be added twelve consultors, one of whom shall act as secretary. The number of consultors may, on account of the small number of members, be reduced to six; besides these, other inferior officers shall be elected according to the wants of each Sodality. But all shall pay due deference, not only to the Director of the Sodality, but also to the Prefect and other officers, according to the rank of each, and shall obey them in all things relating to the Sodality. But

when any impediment shall occur they shall, as soon as possible, give notice to the Director or Prefect, that he may give charge of the matter to some other officer or member.

FREQUENTATION OF THE SACRAMENTS.

III.—As the end of this Sodality is virtue and Christian piety, for the attainment of which end the frequentation of the sacraments is of the greatest utility, they who wish to join the Sodality shall, before they are received, purify their souls from sin by an ordinary or a general confession, as their confessor shall judge better in the Lord. Then all the members are to know that they should receive the sacraments of Penance and the Blessed Eucharist at least once in the month, and also on certain feasts and solemnities of our Lord and His most Blessed Mother. However, the principal officers, that is to say, the Prefect, Assistant, Secretary, and Consultors should go to confession, and, unless their spirtual Father judge otherwise, receive the Blessed Eucharist more frequently than the other members, who should derive instruction from their example.

CHOICE OF A CONFESSOR.

IV. As far as possible let an ordinary confessor be chosen, who, once that he has been selected by any one, must not without good reason be changed. To him let each one unreservedly manifest the state of his conscience, and in all things that concern the direction of his conscience let each one allow himself to be guided and ruled by him.

CELEBRATION OF THE MORE SOLEMN FEASTS OF OUR BLESSED LORD AND BLESSED LADY, NOVENAS, &c.

V. But since the members of the Sodality should make it their principal study to please God, and after Him the Blessed Virgin, as they are dedicated to her and belong to her by very special titles, the Director and Prefect should spare no efforts to procure the increase and extension of this devotion. They, therefore, shall take care that the more solemn feasts of our Lord and of the Virgin Mother of God be celebrated by the members of the Sodality with peculiar fervour and devotion. This devotion will be increased if, during the nine days preceding those feasts, the members prepare and dispose themselves by some special observances, and, above all, by holy meditations. That this may the more easily be done by them, let the points of meditation and the observances be prescribed for each day, and let them, unless the expense be considered too great, be placed before

the members in print, or read at a convenient time in the Sodality.

PIOUS OBSERVANCES OF THE SODALITY.

VI.—Where the custom exists each member shall bring to the Sodality a list of the observances he has practised during those days—but without signing his name—and shall throw it into a box or urn prepared for that purpose: and these lists, having been reduced to order and copied into a book, shall be publicly read instead of the usual exhortation. Let them be read, if possible, on the day immediately preceding the solemn feast, to the end that all may, by the recollection of what they have heard, be very much excited to increased fervour and devotion. The members must also know that they will render themselves very pleasing to the ever Blessed Virgin by not only making use of these practices on the above-mentioned days, but also by seeking every day, by some pious practice, to render the Mother of God propitious to them.

REGULARITY OF ATTENDANCE—DAYS OF SODALITY MEETINGS.

VII.—The greatest care must also be taken that the meetings of the Sodality be not omitted for any slight cause. But if anything should occur on account of which it may seem that on that day the meeting should not take place, it shall be the province of the Director to decide on the sufficiency of the cause, and he, having examined the matter in the Lord, and having attentively considered it, shall decide as to him shall seem most expedient.

REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE.

VIII.—They who, on the days and at the times appointed for meeting, shall have been absent, must, as soon as possible, explain the cause of their absence to the Director, who is to judge whether the cause be sufficient or not; and, if he finds them to have been in fault, he may admonish them as shall seem good to him; and, for such absence, or for other defects, he may for a certain time prohibit their attendance at meetings, as shall be judged most conducive to the good of the Sodality and the glory of our Lord; and, that the absence of any person may the more certainly and readily be known, the Sodality shall keep a book for the purpose, and in it the days during that year on which meetings are to take place, and the names of the members shall be so written that the absence of any one may easily be marked; though all should have so great a devotion to the Blessed

Virgin, and so great a care of their own spiritual progress, as to have little need of these or similar admonitions.

GOOD WORKS RECOMMENDED.

1. *Every day:* To begin the day by some special prayer to their heavenly Patroness as the Memorare. In the Prima Primaria three Hail Marys are prescribed, morning and night.

To be present, if possible, at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

To give some time to meditation on heavenly things or spiritual reading.

To recite, at least in part, the rosary or the office of the Blessed Virgin.

To examine one's conscience before retiring to rest.

2. *Once a month*, at the very least, to approach the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist.

3. Once or twice a year to make a general confession or review.

4. At the death of a Sodalist to accompany the body to the grave, and fervently commend the soul to God.

5. At all times to be energetic in furthering whatever tends to the increase and well-being of the Church and of religion; to strive earnestly by example, as well as by words, to lead back to the way of salvation wanderers from the faith or from the path of Christian virtue; to practice diligently the works of mercy, especially towards Sodalists in time of sickness: finally to strive to acquire not only those virtues which no Christian can be without, but to vie with each other in piety, purity, humility, modesty, diligence and industry in the discharge of the duties of one's state of life.

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE.

IX.—If it should ever happen that any one has to leave the Sodality to make a journey, let him give information of it to the Director and Prefect, and ask them for letters patent, so that he may be received as a member of the Sodality that may exist in the place to which he goes; and since, even during his absence, he is a sharer in the merits of the Sodality, it is becoming that he should occasionally give the others news of himself and all that concerns him, writing to the Prefect and recommending himself to the prayers of the members. But wherever he may be, let him take care to show himself a true child of the Sodality, and endeavour, by the blamelessness of his conduct and the example of his life, to edify all and lead them to virtue.

FRATERNAL UNION AND CHARITY.

X.—Let them all love one another with true and sincere charity, and be careful to preserve peace and fraternal concord, and, day after day, to advance in the practice of true and Christian virtue. They will be greatly assisted to the attainment of this end by frequenting the meetings of the Sodality, by not neglecting its pious exercises, by often seeking the society of those whose conversation may be useful, by avoiding bad company, and all occasions that might in any way be injurious, as, for example, plays, quarrels, strifes, complaints, and other things of the kind that would injure the good name and reputation of the Sodality. Let them, on the contrary, try so to bear themselves on all occasions as to be thought worthy of being under the special protection of the Most Blessed Virgin.

PUBLIC READING OF THE RULES OF THE SODALITY.

XI.—That these laws and constitutions may the more easily be kept, let them be publicly read at the meeting of the Sodality once a month instead of the usual instruction.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE MANNER OF ELECTING THE PREFECT AND THE OTHER OFFICERS.

I.—The Prefect and other officers shall be elected *once* (or at most twice) *a year* on the principal feasts of the Blessed Virgin. The Director of the Sodality, the Prefect, Assistants, Consultors, and Secretary shall meet, and after having recited the *Veni Creator*, with the usual prayers, and taken the votes, they shall select out of the whole Sodality three eminent among the others for the example of their virtues and their reputation for goodness. Then let these be proposed to the whole Sodality; he that shall obtain the greater number of votes shall be declared Prefect, the others shall be declared first and second Assistants, according to the number of votes given for each. The Director of the Sodality and the Prefect shall take the votes. In a similar manner shall the Consultors and Secretary be chosen, but they shall not be proposed to the general meeting of the Sodality.

II.—The Treasurer, Sacristan, and other inferior officers that may be required, according to the custom of each Sodality, may be selected by the Director and Prefect, together with the Assistants and Secretary, regard

being had to the regularity of their attendance and the edification they give.

At the commencement of each Prefect's term of office all the officers, as well inferior as the superior, shall be changed, unless the Director and Prefect judge it better to do otherwise, which must not be without sufficient cause.

III —All the officers of the Sodality, superior and inferior, having been elected in this manner, their names shall be publicly announced in the Sodality on some feast of the Blessed Virgin. For greater devotion and sole unity the Director of the Sodality may confer on each officer the peculiar insignia of his charge. The Secretary, therefore, shall read aloud the names of the officers in the order in which they shall have been elected, and according to the rank and dignity of each. Let him, whose name shall be read out, go to the Director, and, kneeling before him, receive from him the insignia of the office, and let the Director exhort him to discharge its duties with all becoming care and diligence, and very briefly let him explain the nature of the office to which he has been appointed.

The names of all the officers having been thus announced, either the Director of the Sodality or some one else shall address all the members of the Sodality, and exhort them to regular attendance at the meetings, to observance of the rules, to devotion of the Blessed Virgin and love of her, and, above all, to the imitation of her virtues.

IV.—If the Prefect should die, or if, from any other cause, it should happen, before half his term of office had elapsed, that he could no longer perform its duties, another, according to the decision of the Director, shall be appointed to take the place of the Prefect till a new election can be held. The same shall be done in appointing substitutes for the other officers.

CHAPTER III.

RULES OF THE PREFECT.

As the Prefect takes precedence in rank and office, and claims the first place after the Director, so should he excel the other members of the Sodality in virtue. Wherefore, he should observe with the greatest diligence not only the rules of his own office, but also the common rules, those especially that relate to the frequentation of the sacraments, confessing his sins, and receiving the Blessed Eucharist more frequently than the others; and he should take care to advance the Sodality in the way

of virtue and Christian perfection, more by example even than by words.

II.—He must always attend the meetings at the times appointed, and should some time beforehand carefully prepare all that is required for the usual spiritual exercises, as shall have been agreed on between him and the Director. But if for some good reason he cannot attend, let him as soon as possible give notice to the Director; then the First Assistant, or, in his absence, the Second, shall take the Prefect's place.

III.—Although the Prefect has charge of the Sodality, let him, nevertheless, know that he is subject to the Director, by whom he is always to be guided in whatever is to be done. Wherefore, he must not change or do away with anything whatever, neither shall he make any new arrangements without the knowledge and approval of the said Director, in order that in the Sodality the greater glory of our Lord and of the Virgin Mother of God may be more carefully and peaceably procured.

IV.—Let him seek to make the other officers under him, especially the Assistants, the Secretary, and the twelve or six Consultors, observe each the rules of his own charge. Let him also have the names of those members that attend the meeting written during the meeting. Let him also see that a book be kept containing the names of the members, whether present or absent, written according to the method already prescribed; also another book in which shall be written the day and year that the various officers were appointed; and a third book in which it shall be written on what day and in what year each member was received into the Sodality, and also, when it can be known, the day of his death.

V.—When any member is sick the Prefect shall take care to have him visited in the name of the Sodality, and, if the sickness be considered serious, that prayers be offered up to God for him by all. But if there be danger of death, he will see that the sick person be strengthened by the reception of the Holy Sacraments of the Church; and, if he die, that the appointed prayers be offered up by the members of the Sodality for the relief of his soul.

VI.—He, as well as the Director, must subscribe the letters patent. If it should become necessary to dismiss any person from the Sodality on account of grievous faults, he must do nothing without the knowledge of the Director, or without his counsel and approval.

CHAPTER IV.

RULES OF THE ASSISTANTS.

I.—The business of the Assistants shall be to advise

and co-operate with the Prefect in the government of the Sodality. Wherefore, there should be no dissention between them and him, so that by their unanimity affairs shall be better administered.

II.—They should be present at all the meetings, public or private, and, in the absence of the Prefect, the First Assistant shall take his place; but if both be absent, the Second Assistant shall act as Prefect. Let them often confer with the Director and Prefect on matters concerning the spiritual progress of the Sodality, which, by word and example, as far as by the assistance of divine grace they can do so, they should seek to promote.

CHAPTER V.

RULES OF THE SECRETARY.

I.—The Secretary shall be present at all consultations. He shall, in a book kept for the purpose, write an account of occurrences of importance, but shall first show to the Director and Prefect copies of what he is about to write in it.

II.—In the various books already mentioned he shall write very carefully the matter proper to each. He shall make known to no one the arrangements that have been agreed on in the consultations, and he should know how to keep silence, as his very name reminds him.

III.—It shall be his business to write the letters, orders, and other usual documents, and also to sign them and seal them with the ordinary seal of the Sodality, acting in all things on the decision of the Director and Prefect.

CHAPTER VI.

RULES OF THE TWELVE OR SIX CONSULTORS.

Let some members of the Sodality be chosen according to the rules for elections. There may be twelve when the Sodality has many members, but six only when the members are not numerous.

It shall be their business to assist the Prefect in the consultations, and in the administration of the Sodality, and on that account they should be selected from those more advanced in age, and of more tried virtue. In giving their opinions let them always have in view the greater glory of God and of His Virgin Mother, and the spiritual progress of the Sodality; and let them never allow themselves, through want of impartiality, to deviate

from what is just. As has already been frequently said, let them seek to excel the other members in conduct as they do in rank.

CHAPTER VII.

RULES OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall make no expenditure whatever without the order of the Director. Let him keep a book in which the account of receipts and expenditures shall be carefully entered, which he shall produce and show to the Father Director as often as he may desire. Let him tak care not to ask in the name of the Sodality anything for anyone, either for the ordinary or extraordinary expenses of the Sodality; but he must be satisfied with the money given by all the members, according to the custom, and the money that each, of his own liberality gives when there is a meeting of the Sodality.

CHAPTER VIII.

RULES OF THE PREFECT OF THE SODALITY LIBRARY.

The Sodality Library and the books in it are confided to his care. Let him understand how important this charge is, and how much in the fulfilment of his duties he may serve the other members by his diligence, or injure them by his neglect. After the meeting he shall give out the books to the members. Let him keep a carefully-written catalogue of all the books, and let him place it where it may be seen by all, or show it to those who may ask to see it, so that each one having read it may get from the Library any book he may select. But he shall give no book to any one without first seeing that he who gets the book shall write on a sheet of paper his own name and surname, the title of the book, and the day, month, and year the book was taken. The Librarian shall keep this paper till such time as the other shall return the book.

He shall not allow anyone to take home two books at the same time, nor shall he allow anyone to keep any book beyond a specified time; but, when they have been informed, all must bring back to the Library any books they have taken out.

CHAPTER IX.

RULES OF THOSE THAT VISIT THE SICK.

As it would often be impossible for the Prefect to visit in person all the members that might be sick, especially if it should happen that many fall sick at the same time, it is necessary that he should have some of the members to aid and assist him in so pious and holy a work. Their number shall be fixed by the Director, who will select those whom he knows to be, on account of their age and piety, best suited for this charge. Their business shall be to visit frequently the sick members of the Sodality, to make themselves accurately acquainted with their state, and to give to the Director and Prefect information of what they have learned, also to pray earnestly to God for the sick, and to see that they are assisted by the common prayers of the whole Sodality. If the sickness become dangerous, let them give notice as soon as possible to the Director and Prefect, that they, as their office requires of them, may assist the sick person, and by all means in their power take care that a member of the Sodality dangerously sick do not die without being strengthened by the sacraments of the Church. It will be useful not only frequently to visit the sick when they are confined to bed, but also to bear them company when they begin to recover, and this they should do in such a manner as to console in the Lord the sick persons by their spiritual conversation, and at the same time to cheer them.

CHAPTER X.

RULES OF THE SACRISTAN.

There shall be two, three or four Sacristans, according to the number of the members. They should be convinced that in this charge and office they serve God, and after Him, His Virgin Mother; wherefore, let them not think it beneath them to sweep out the place of meeting of the Sodality, or to undertake the like humble office at the meeting itself.

Let them be particularly careful that the vestments and everything that is used at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass be properly prepared, and be as neat as possible. Let a list of all the furniture of the Sodality be written in a little book, which those going out of office shall hand over to their successors, showing them at the same time where each article is to be kept. All things belonging to their charge should be becoming and properly arranged, and they should have them locked up, and the keys should be kept by the Director.

They should not go out from the meeting without cause and express leave of the Director, but should, with the others, be present at all the spiritual exercises of the Sodality. They should incur no expense whatever without the knowledge and advice of the Director. Let them also avoid rare and costly decorations, which the Director, in his prudence, shall either altogether forbid or at least so moderate that they may be procured with the least possible expense.

CHAPTER XI.

THE ORDER TO BE OBSERVED IN CONSULTATIONS

For the preservation and increase of the Sodality it seems necessary that not only the members should frequently be assembled for spiritual exercises, but also that they should sometimes meet to treat of the proper administration of the Sodality; wherefore, let the Director, Prefect, Assistants, Secretary and Consultors meet once a month, at a convenient hour, that they may treat of any questions that may arise, and come to a decision on them. But in the consulrations the Director shall generally be the person to propose the matters to be discussed; the others shall in all things pay great deference to his authority, and shall allow themselves to be guided by his judgment, though they, too, may with modesty propose what they may consider necessary.

Let them all guard themselves against inordinate affections of the mind, and in giving their opinions let them look solely to the glory of God and of His Holy Mother, and to the spiritual advancement of the Sodality.

CHAPTER XII.

OF THE MANNER OF ADMITTING MEMBERS INTO THE SODALITY.

I.—Let him that desires to enter the Sodality apply to the Director and Prefect, and when they have made sufficient inquiries about him, and have obtained information as to his age, profession, virtue and other qualities, the Prefect shall refer the matter to the meeting of the twelve or six consultors, that the applicant may be allowed to attend meetings for a certain time to serve as a probation, as shall be explained. During this time he shall have leave to attend the spiritual exercises of the Sodality, but shall not be allowed to be present at the deliberations and consultations; and, in the meantime, he shall sit apart from the others, according as the nature of the place may render practicable.

II.—When any applicant shall have been approved of, but not yet received, the Director and Prefect shall give him in charge to one of the members of exemplary virtue, whose care it shall be during the time of probation (which shall last two or three months, according to the qualifications of the person) to instruct him in the constitutions and rules and other customs of the Sodality, and to solve any difficulties that may occur to him, so that, fully understanding everything, he may obtain the object of his desires; and when the time for admitting him is at hand, in order that he may, according to the privileges and favours granted to the Sodality, gain the plenary indulgence on the day of his enrolment as member, let him that has charge of the applicant give him notice to prepare himself for the reception of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist that day, so that he may be made partaker of so great a treasure.

III.—But before anyone is admitted into the body of the Sodality, let his case be again referred to the meeting of the twelve or six consultors, that from them, and particularly from the person to whose care he was entrusted, it may be known how well he has conducted himself up to the time appointed. If it should be discovered that, during the time of probation, he has not entirely satisfied the expectations that were entertained, it shall be the business of the above-mentioned meeting to determine by majority of votes whether he shall be rejected or whether his time of probation shall be prolonged.

But if he has given good proof of his character and virtue, he shall be received with the form and ceremony hereinafter described, provided that the Director gives his consent, without whose knowledge and counsel nothing shall be valid.

Formula which can be used by those who are admitted as Candidates.

Holy Mary, Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, I, ——, anxious to become one of thy privileged children, resolve, on this day, with the divine assistance, and helped by thy powerful intercession, to amend my life and imitate thy virtues, so as to deserve to be received as a member of this holy Sodality, erected to thy honor, and to the greater glory of thy divine Son. Amen.

Prayer before Council Meeting and Election of Officers.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Ghost, did'st instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant we beseech thee by the same Holy Spirit, to love and to relish what is right, and evermore to rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT THE END.

℣. Confirm, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us.

℟. From thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

Our Father, Hail Mary.

℣. O Mary, conceived without sin.

℟. Pray for us.

Synopsis of the Order of the Ceremony of Consecration in the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

I. *Veni Creator* sung by the whole Sodality or by the Choir, or the alternate verses recited by the Director and the Sodalists.

II. Exhortation.

III. Blessing of Medals for those to be consecrated.

IV. Candidates advance to the altar.

V. Candidates answer the interrogations addressed to them by the Director.

VI. Candidates repeat the Act of Consecration holding lighted candles in their hands.

VII. Investiture of each Candidate with the Medal, and presentation of the Manual of the Sodality to each.

VIII. Director reads the formula of Consecration from the altar, and continues "Confirma hoc Deus," &c.

IX. The "Magnificat" is chanted or recited aloud by the whole Sodality.

X. The Director declares the Plenary Indulgence attached to the Consecration, and the prayers (v. g., 5 Paters and Aves) to be said for the intentions of the Pope on account of the indulgence granted.

XI. Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

SOLEMN RECEPTION.

I.

The VENI CREATOR *is entoned by the Celebrant, and continued by the Choir.*

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1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest,
   And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
   Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
   ‖: To fill the hearts which Thou hast made. :‖

2. O Comforter, to Thee we cry:
   Thou heavenly Gift of God Most High;
   Thou Fount of life and Fire of love,
   ‖: And sweet anointing from above. :‖

3. O Holy Ghost, thro' Thee alone,
   Know we the Father and the Son:
   Be this our never-changing creed,
   ‖: That Thou dost from them both proceed. :‖

4. Praise we the Father and the Son,
   And Holy Spirit with them One;
   And may the Son on us bestow
   ‖: The gifts that from the Spirit flow. :‖

II.

Here follows the Exhortation.

III.

THE BLESSING OF THE MEDALS.

℣. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

℟. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

℣. Domine exaudi orationem meam.

℟. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

℣. Dominus vobiscum.

℟. Et cum spiritu tuo.

℣. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my supplication come unto Thee

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Oremus.

OMNIPOTENS sempiterne Deus, qui sanctorum tuorum imagines (sive effigies) sculpi aut pingi non reprobas, ut quoties illas oculis corporis intuemur, toties eorum actus et sanctitatem ad imitandum memoriæ oculis meditemur; has quæsumus, imagines in honorem et memoriam beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ, Matris Domini nostri Jesu Christi, adaptatas bene ✠ dicere et sancti ✠ ficare digneris, et præsta, ut quicumque coram illis

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast permitted the images of thy saints to be sculptured or painted in order that beholding them every day with our corporal eyes, and meditating upon their actions and sanctity, we may be lead to imitate their virtues, deign to bless and to sanctify these medals which have been made in honor and commemoration of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

beatissimam Virginem suppliciter colere et honorare studuerint illius meritis et obtentu a te gratiam in præsenti et æternam gloriam obtineat in futurum. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

℟. Amen.

and grant that whoever humbly invokes the Blessed Virgin before them may obtain through her merits grace in this present life and eternal glory in the life to come. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

Here the Medals are sprinkled with Holy Water.

IV.

Then the Candidates are called forward in the following words:

For the greater praise and glory of the Most Holy Trinity, for the honor of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without sin, our Mother and our Patroness, for the increase of our Sodality, let those who wish to be admitted come forward.

When at the rail the Celebrant says:

Do you desire to be received into this Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to devote yourselves wholly herein to our Saviour Jesus Christ, under the protection of the most glorious Virgin Mary your Mother?

Candidates.—We desire it with all our hearts.

Celebrant.—Do you sincerely purpose to endeavor, by your devotion in this Sodality, to promote love for piety, to increase fraternal charity, and by your good example to give edification to your neighbor?

Candidates.—We desire it.

Celebrant.—Do you promise to observe the rules of the Sodality, to pay filial respect to the Directors, and to be promptly obedient to them in all that regards the Sodality?

Candidates.—We promise.

Celebrant.—And for how long a period will you observe your present promises?

Candidates.—We will observe them forever.

Celebrant.—Dearly beloved, this your desire is most acceptable to the Blessed Virgin, most beneficial to yourselves, and most important. By being devout servants and clients of the most holy Mother of God, you may expect through her intercession to receive many heavenly favors.

For this most holy Mother assists those who invoke her, shelters them by her protection in the dangers, anxieties and miseries of this life, and in the hour of death never abandons those who are truly devout to her. That you also may experience this her powerful protection, endeavor that your conduct and your whole life may prove that you have been numbered amongst her children. And that you may more faithfully fulfill what you now promise, make solemnly at the feet of your most holy Mother, in presence of the whole Sodality, your Act of Consecration.

V.

Each Candidate, holding a lighted candle in his (her) hand, here recites the Act of Consecration in a clear, audible voice.

ACT OF CONSECRATION.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, and ever Immaculate Virgin, I [*N.*] choose thee this day for my Queen, my Patroness, my Advocate, and my tender Mother. I make a firm and inviolable resolution never to do or to say anything contrary

to thy service, and never to permit those who depend on me to transgress in any way the honor which is due unto thee. I conjure thee to receive me for thy child, now and forever, to assist me in all my actions, and not to abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen."

When the Act of Consecration has been recited, the Celebrant gives a medal, already blessed, and a Manual of the Sodality to each Candidate, saying:

Receive this medal and manual of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a safeguard and defence for your body and soul, that, by the grace of the Divine goodness, and the assistance of Mary, your Mother, you may deserve to obtain eternal happiness; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then he adds, turning towards the new members:

To the greater glory of God, and to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and for the spiritual good of this Sodality, and by the power granted me by our most Holy Father the Pope [*N. N.*] I, [*N. N.*] Director for the time being of this Sodality, receive you [*N. N.*], into

the number of the members of our Sodality, erected under the title of the (* * * *), and render you sharers and declare you partakers of all the graces and fruits, privileges, and indulgences which the Holy Roman Church has granted to the Primary Sodality at Rome to which ours has been canonically affiliated: In the name of the Father ✠ and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy ✠ Ghost. Amen.

May Christ receive you into the number of our brethern and His servants. May He give you grace to lead a holy life, opportunity to do good, and constancy to persevere therein, that you may arrive happily at the inheritance of life eternal. And as fraternal charity unites us this day spiritually on earth, may the Divine goodness, who is the author and lover of charity, vouchsafe to admit us among the saints in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. Confirm, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us.

℟. From thy holy temple which is in Jerusalem.

℣. Save thy servants.

℟. Who hope in Thee, O my God.

℣. Send them help from thy holy place.

℟. And from Sion protect them.

℣. Lord hear my prayer.

℟. And let my supplication come unto Thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us Pray.

Hear, O Lord, our supplications, and deign to bless these thy servants whom we have received into the Sodality of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary; and grant that by the aid of thy grace they may observe our rules, living holily and piously, and may by observing them merit eternal life. Amen.

The ceremony concludes with the Benediction.

Order of Weekly Exercises.

1. Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest. Page 27. Or Litany of the blessed Virgin. Page 90.
2. Announcements.
3. Instruction.
4. Open, O Lord, our mouths.
5. Office.
6. May all praise.
7. Hymn.
8. Benediction. Page 88.

Prayer before Office.

Open, O Lord, our mouths to bless Thy holy Name, cleanse our hearts from all vain and distracting thoughts, enlighten our understandings, inflame our wills that we may worthily perform this holy Office with attention and devotion, and may deserve to be heard in the presence of Thy Divine Majesty, who with the Father and Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

We offer up this holy Office and unite our intentions with those of Jesus Christ,

Thy Son, who, whilst on earth, rendered Thee a most acceptable homage of divine praise.

Prayer after Office.

May all praise, honor, power and glory be rendered by all creatures to the most holy and undivided Trinity, to the sacred humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the fruitful integrity of the most blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, and to all the Saints in general; and may we obtain the remission of all our sins through endless ages. Amen.

℣. Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary which has borne the Son of the Eternal Father.

℟. And blessed are the breasts which have nourished Christ our Lord.

Our Father, Hail Mary.

VESPERS.

Hail Mary, &c.

℣. O God, come to my assistance.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Alleluia. *Or:* (Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory. From Septuagesima to Easter instead of Alleluia.)

Ant. While the king.

Ant. (In Advent.) The Angel Gabriel.

Psalm cix.

The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand·

Until I make thy enemies my footstool.

The Lord will send forth the sceptre of thy power out of Sion: rule thou in the midst of thy enemies.

With thee is the principality in the day of thy strength ; in the brightness of the saints : from the womb before the day-star I begot thee.

The Lord hath sworn, and he will not repent : Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech.

The Lord at my right hand hath broken kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among nations, he shall fill ruins : he shall crush the heads in the land of many.

He shall drink of the torrent in the way : therefore shall he lift up his head.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. While the king was at his repose, my spikenard sent forth its ordor.

Ant. (In Advent.) The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary, a virgin espoused to Joseph.

Ant. His left hand. (In Advent.) Hail Mary.

PSALM CXII.

Praise the Lord, ye children : praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from henceforth now and forever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God who dwelleth on high: and looketh down on the low things in heaven and on earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor from the dung-hill:

That he may place him with princes, with the princes of his people.

Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. His left hand is under my head and his right hand shall embrace me.

Ant. (In Advent.) Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. Alleluia.

Ant. I am black but beautiful.

Ant. (In Advent.) Fear not, Mary.

Psalm cxxi.

I rejoiced at the things that were said

to me : we shall go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet were standing in thy courts, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together.

For thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord ; the testimony of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

Because there seats have sat in judgment, seats upon the house of David.

Pray ye for the things that are for the peace of Jerusalem : and abundance for them that love thee.

Let peace be in thy strength : and abundance in thy towers.

For the sake of my brethren and of my neighbors, I spoke peace of thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I have sought good things for thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. I am black but beautiful, O ye daughters of Jerusalem ! therefore the king hath loved me, and brought me into his house.

Ant. (In Advent.) Fear not, Mary ; for thou hast found grace with God ;

behold, thou shalt conceive, and bring forth a Son. Alleluia.

Ant. Winter is now past.

Ant. (In Advent.) The Lord.

PSALM CXXVI.

Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

Unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it.

It is vain for you to rise before light: rise ye after you have sitten, you that eat the bread of sorrow.

When he shall give sleep to his beloved: behold, the inheritance of the Lord are children: the reward, the fruit of the womb.

As arrows in the hand of the mighty, so the children of them that have been shaken.

Blessed is the man that hath filled his desire with them; he shall not be confounded when he shall speak to his enemies in the gate.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Winter is now past, the rain is over and gone; arise, my love, and come.

Ant. (In Advent.) The Lord shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign forever. Alleluia.

Ant. Thou art beautiful.

Ant. (In Advent.) Behold the handmaid.

Psalm cxlvii.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.

Because he hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates, he hath blessed thy children within thee.

Who hath placed peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with fat of corn.

Who sendeth forth his speech to the earth: his word runneth swiftly.

Who giveth snow like wool: scattereth mists like ashes.

He sendeth his crystal like morsels: who shall stand before the face of his cold?

He shall send out his word, and shall melt them: his wind shall blow, and the waters shall run.

Who declareth his word to Jacob: his justices and his judgments to Israel.

He hath not done in like manner to every nation: and his judgments he hath not made manifest to them. Alleluia.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Thou art beautiful and sweet in thy delights, O holy Mother of God!

Ant. (In Advent.) Behold the handmaid of the Lord be it done to me according to thy word.

CHAPTER. ECCL. XXIV.

From the beginning, and before the world, was I created, and unto the world to come I shall not cease to be, and in the holy dwelling-place I have ministered before him.

℟. Thanks be to God.

(*In Advent.*)

CHAPTER. ISAIAS XI.

There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Ave Maris Stella.

Ave Maris stella,
Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper virgo,
Felix cœli porta.

Hail, thou star of ocean!
Portal of the sky!
Ever Virgin Mother
Of the Lord most high!

Sumens illud Ave.
Gabrielis ore,
Funda nos in pace,
Mutans Evæ nomen.

Oh, by Gabriel's Ave,
Utter'd long ago,
Eva's name reversing,
'Stablish peace below;

Solve vincla reis,
Profer lumen cœcis,
Mala nostra pelie,
Bona cuncta posce.

Break the captive's fetters!
Light on blindness pour
All our ills expelling,
Every bliss implore.

Monstra te esse matrem,
Sumat per te preces.
Qui pro nobis natus,
Tulit esse tuus.

Show thyself a Mother;
Offer Him our sighs,
Who for us incarnate,
Did not thee despise.

Virgo singularis,
Inter omnes mitis,
Nos culpis solutos,
Mites fac et castos.

Virgin of all virgins!
To thy shelter take us;
Gentlest of the gentle!
Chaste and gentle make us.

Vitam præsta puram,
Iter para tutum,
Ut videntes Jesum,
Semper collætemur.

Still as on we journey,
Help our weak endeavour;
Till with thee and Jesus,
We rejoice forever.

Sit laus Deo Patri,
Summo Christo decus,
Spiritui Sancto,
Tribus honor unus.

Thro' the highest heaven,
To the Almighty Three,
Father, Son and Spirit,
One same glory be.

Amen. Amen.

℣. Grace is poured abroad in thy lips.

℟. Therefore *hath God blessed thee* forever.

Ant. O blessed Mother.

Ant. (In Advent.) The Holy Ghost.

The Magnificat; or, Canticle to the Blessed Virgin.

Mágnificat: * anima mea Dominum.

Et exultavit spíritus meus: * in Deo salutári meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem áncillæ suæ: * ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generátiones.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: * et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progénie ín progenies: * timéntibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in bráchio suo: * dispersit supper bos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit poténtes de sede: * et exaltavit humiles.

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord.

2. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

3. Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

4. For he that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is his name.

5. And his mercy is from generation to generations: to them that fear him.

6. He hath showed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble.

Esurientes implévit bonis. * et divites dimisit inanes.

8. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent away empty.

Suscepit Israel púerum suum: * recordatus misericórdiæ suæ.

9. He hath received his servant Israel: being mindful of his mercy.

Sicut locutus est ad pátres nostros: * Abraham, et semini éjus in sæcula.

10. As he spoke to our fathers: to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Gloria Pátri, et Filio, * et Spiritui Sancto.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Sicut erat in principio, et núnc, et semper, * et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant. O blessed mother, and ever virgin, glorious queen of the world, make intercession for us to our Lord.

Ant. (In Advent.) The Holy Ghost * shall come upon thee, O Mary! Fear not; thou shalt conceive the Son of God. Alleluia.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come to thee.

Let us Pray.

Lord God! we beseech thee, grant that we thy servants may enjoy per-

petual health of mind and body; and that, by the glorious intercession of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, we may pass from this present sorrow to the enjoyment of everlasting gladness: through our Lord, &c. Amen.

Prayer.

(*In Advent.*)

O God, who wouldst have thy Word take flesh in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, according to the declaration of the Angel, grant us, thy suppliants, that we, who truly believe her to be the Mother of God, may find favor with thee, by her intercession: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commemoration of the Saints.

Ant. All ye Saints of God, vouchsafe to make intercession for our salvation and that of all.

℣. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice ye just.

℟. And glory all ye right of heart.

Let us Pray.

Protect, O Lord, thy people, and let the confidence we have in the intercession of thy blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and of thy other apostles, prevail with thee to preserve and defend us forever. May all thy Saints, O Lord, we beseech thee, everywhere assist us, that whilst we celebrate their merits, we may be sensible of their protection. Grant us thy peace in our times, and repel all wickedness from thy Church; prosperously guide the steps, actions and desires of us and all thy servants in the way of salvation; give eternal blessings to those who have done good to us, and everlasting rest to the faithful departed; through the Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. Amen.

Commemoration of the Saints.

(*In Advent.*)

Ant. Behold, the Lord shall come, and all his Saints with him; and there shall be a great light in that day. Alleluia.

℣. Behold, the Lord shall appear on a white cloud.

℟. And with him thousands of saints.

Let us Pray.

Purify our consciences, we beseech thee, O Lord, by thy visit; that, when our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son cometh with all his saints, he may find in us a dwelling prepared for him: who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, &c. Amen.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come to thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

COMPLINE.

Hail Mary.

Convert us, O God, our Saviour.

℟. And turn off thy anger from us.

℣. O God, come to my assistance.

℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm cxxviii.

Often have they fought against me from my youth: let Israel now say.

Often have they fought against me from my youth: but they could not prevail over me.

The wicked have wrought upon my back, they have lengthened their iniquity.

The Lord who is just will cut the necks of sinners: let them all be confounded and turned back, that hate Sion.

Let them be as grass upon the tops of houses, which withereth before it be plucked up.

Wherewith the mower filleth not his

hand, nor he that gathereth sheaves, his bosom.

And they that passed by have not said: The blessing of the Lord be upon you: we have blessed you in the name of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm cxxix.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy; and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm cxxx.

Lord, my heart is not exalted: nor are my eyes lofty.

Neither have I walked in great matters, nor in wonderful things above me.

If I was not humble minded, but exhalted my soul:

As a child that is weaned is towards his mother, so reward in my soul.

Let Israel hope in the Lord, from henceforth now and forever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hymn.

Remember, O Creator Lord!
  That in the Virgin's sacred womb,
Thou wast conceived, and of her flesh,
  Didst our mortality assume.

Mother of Grace, O Mary blest!
  To thee, sweet fount of love we fly;
Shield us through life, and take us hence,
  To thy dear bosom when we die.

O Jesus! born of Virgin bright,
  Immortal glory be to thee;
Praise to the Father infinite,
  And Holy Ghost eternally.

Chapter. Eccles. xxiv.

I am the Mother of fair love, and of

fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Pray for us, Mother of God.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

(*In Advent.*)

CHAPTER. ISAIAS VII.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel. He shall eat butter and honey, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

℟. And she was conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Ant. Under thy protection.

Ant. (In Advent.) The Holy Ghost.

CANTICLE OF SIMEON. LUKE II.

Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word, in peace.

Because my eyes have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people :

A light to the revelation of the gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Under thy protection we take our refuge, O holy Mother of God ! despise not our petitions in our necessities but ever deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin !

Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come to thee.

LET US PRAY.

We beseech thee, O Lord, that the glorious intercession of our ever blessed and glorious Virgin Mary may protect us, and bring us to life everlasting, through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who, &c. ℟. Amen.

Ant. (In Advent.) The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, O Mary ! Fear not ; thou shalt conceive the Son of God. Alleluia.

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℣. Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come to thee.

Let us Pray.

O God, who wouldst have thy Word take flesh in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, according to the declaration of the Angel, grant us, thy suppliants, that we, who truly believe her to be the Mother of God, may find favor with thee by her intercession: through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come to thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Blessing.

May the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost, bless and keep us. ℟. Amen.

Anthem from the first Sunday of Advent to the Purification, inclusive.

Mother of Christ! hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and Portal of the Sky!
Mother of him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid.
O, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

In Advent.

℣. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

℟. And she was conceived of the Holy Ghost.

LET US PRAY.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection: through the same Christ, our Lord. ℟. Amen.

After Advent.

℣. After childbirth, O Virgin, thou didst remain inviolate.

℟. Mother of God, make intercession for us.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who, by the fruitful virginity of the blessed Virgin Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech thee, that we may be sensible of the benefits of her intercession by whom we have received the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. ℟. Amen.

From the Purification till Easter.

Hail, O Queen of heav'n enthroned !
Hail, by angels mistress own'd !
Root of Jesse ! Gate of morn !
Whence the world's true light was born :
Glorious Virgin, joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in heaven they see.
Fairest thou where all are fair !
Plead with Christ our sins to spare.

℣. Vouchsafe, O sacred Virgin, to accept my praises.

℟. Give me power against thy enemies.

LET US PRAY.

Grant us, O merciful God, strength against all our weakness; that we, who celebrate the memory of the Holy Mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, rise again from our iniquities: through the same Christ, our Lord.

℟. Amen.

From Easter to Trinity Eve.

Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven! Alleluia.
He whom thou wast meet to bear; Alleluia.
As he promis'd, hath arisen; Alleluia.
Pour for us to him thy prayer; Alleluia.

℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

℟. Because our Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who, by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been pleased to fill the world with joy, grant, we beseech thee that by the Virgin Mary,

his Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life: through the same Christ, our Lord. ℟. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday to Advent.

Hail! Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary:

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God!

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

Almighty and eternal God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother, Mary, that she might become a worthy habitation for thy Son, grant that, as with joy we celebrate her memory, so by her pious

intercession we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death: through the same Christ, our Lord. ℟. Amen.

℣. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

℟. Amen.

OFFICE FOR THE DEAD.

RECITED ONCE A MONTH BY THE SODALISTS.

VESPERS.

Ant. I will please.

Psalm cxiv.

I have loved, because the Lord will hear the voice of my prayer.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, and in my days I will call upon him.

The sorrows of death have compassed me, and the perils of hell have found me.

I met with trouble and sorrow; and I called upon the name of the Lord.

O Lord, deliver my soul: the Lord is merciful and just, and our God showeth mercy.

The Lord is the keeper of little ones: I was humbled and he delivered me.

Turn, O my soul, into thy rest: for the Lord hath been bountiful to thee.

For he hath delivered my soul from death: my eyes from tears, my feet from falling,

I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ant. I will please the Lord in the land of the living.

Ant. Wo is me, O Lord.

Psalm cxix.

In my trouble, I cried to the Lord; and he heard me.

O Lord, deliver my soul from wicked lips, and a deceitful tongue.

What shall be given to thee, or what shall be added to thee, to a deceitful tongue?

The sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals that lay waste.

Wo is me, that my sojourning is prolonged: I have dwelt with the inhabitants of Cedar my soul hath been long a sojourner.

With them that hated peace I was peaceable: when I spoke to them they fought against me without cause.

Eternal rest, &c.

Ant. Wo is me, O Lord, that my sojourning is prolonged.

Ant. The Lord keepeth thee.

PSALM CXX.

I have lifted up my eyes to the mountains, whence help shall come to me.

My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer thy foot to be moved neither let him slumber that keepeth thee.

Behold, he shall neither slumber nor sleep, that keepeth Israel.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy protection upon the right hand.

The sun shall not burn thee by day; nor the moon by night.

The Lord keepeth thee from all evil: may the Lord keep thy soul.

May the Lord keep thy coming in and thy going out: from henceforth now and for ever.

Eternal rest, &c.

Ant. The Lord keepeth thee from all evil: may the Lord keep thy soul.

Ant. If thou, O Lord.

Psalm cxxix.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest, &c.

Ant. If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand it?

Ant. Despise not, O Lord.

Psalm cxxxvii.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: for thou hast heard the words of my mouth.

I will sing praise to thee in the sight of the angels: I will worship towards thy holy temple, and I will give glory to thy name:

For thy mercy and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy holy name above all.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me: thou shalt multiply strength in my soul.

May all the kings of the earth give glory to thee: for they have heard all the words of thy mouth.

And let them sing in the ways of the Lord; for great is the glory of the Lord.

For the Lord is high, and looketh on the low: and the high he knoweth afar off.

If I shall walk in the midst of tribulation, thou wilt quicken me: and thou hast stretched forth thy hand against the wrath of my enemies: and thy right hand hath saved me.

The Lord will repay for me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: O despise not the works of thy hands.

Eternal rest, &c.

Ant. Despise not, O Lord, the works of thy hands.

℣. I heard a voice from heaven saying to me:

℟. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Ant. All that the Father giveth me.

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation to generations to them that fear him.

He hath showed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat; and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath received Israel his servant; being mindful of his mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers; to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Eternal rest, &c.

Ant. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will not cast out.

The following prayers are said kneeling.

Our Father, &c., *in silence.*

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

Psalm cxlv.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: in my life I will praise the Lord: I will sing to my God as long as I shall be.

Put not your trust in princes, in the children of men, in whom there is no salvation.

His spirit shall go forth; and he shall return into his earth: in that day all their thoughts shall perish.

Blessed is he who hath the God of Jacob for his helper, whose hope is in the Lord his God: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all things that are in them.

Who keepeth truth for ever; who executeth judgment for them that suffer wrong; who giveth food to the hungry.

The Lord looseth them that are fettered; the Lord enlighteneth the blind.

The Lord lifteth up them that are cast down: the Lord loveth the just.

The Lord keepeth the strangers: he will support the fatherless and the widow: and the ways of sinners he will destroy.

The Lord shall reign forever: thy God, O Sion, unto generation and generation.

Eternal rest, &c.

℣. From the gate of hell.

℟. Deliver their Souls, O Lord.

℣. May they rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come to thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Prayer said after the decease of a Sodalist.

Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, [*N.*] that being dead to the world, he (*or she*) may live to thee; and whatever he (*or she*) has

committed through human frailty, do thou wipe away by the pardon of thy most merciful goodness: through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who livest and reignest with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

℟. Amen.

For a Father and Mother deceased.

O God, who hast commanded us to honor our father and mother, have compassion, in thy mercy, on the souls of my father and mother, and forgive them their sins, and grant that we may meet in the joy of eternal bliss: through, &c.

For Sodalists deceased.

Incline, O Lord, thy ear to my prayers, in which we humbly beseech thy mercy, that thou wouldst place the souls of thy servants, which thou hast caused to depart from this world, in the region of peace and light, and unite them in the fellowship of thy saints: through, &c.

For Brethren, Relations, and Benefactors.

O God, the giver of pardon, and lover of human salvation, we beseech thy clemency to grant that the brethren,

relations, and benefactors of our congregation, who have departed this life, may, by the intercession of the blessed Mary, ever virgin, and of all thy saints, attain to the fellowship of eternal beatitude, through, &c.

For all the faithful departed.

O God, the creator and redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins: that, through pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired: who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

℟. Amen.

℣. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.

℟. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

℣. May they rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

THE LITTLE OFFICE
OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

At Matins.

Come, my lips, and wide proclaim,
The blessed Virgin's spotless fame.

℣. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

℟. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima to Easter, instead of Alleluia is said:

Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

Hymn.

Hail, Queen of the heavens!
Hail, Mistress of earth!
Hail, Virgin most pure,
Of Immaculate birth!

Clear star of the morning,
In beauty enshrined!
O Lady, make speed
To the help of mankind.

Thee, God in the depth
Of eternity chose;
And formed thee all fair
As His glorious Spouse;
And called thee His Word's
Own Mother to be,
By whom He created
The earth, sky, and sea. Amen.

℣. God elected her, and pre-elected her.

℟. He made her to dwell in his tabernacle.

℣. O Lady, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

LET US PRAY.

Holy Mary, Queen of heaven, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ and Mistress of the world, who forsaketh no one and despisest no one; look upon me, O Lady, with an eye of pity, and entreat for me of thy beloved Son, the forgiveness of all my sins; that as I now celebrate with devout affection thy holy and Immaculate Conception, so, hereafter, I may receive the prize of eternal blessedness, by the grace of Him whom thou, in virginity, didst bring forth, Jesus Christ our Lord; who with the Father and the

Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, in perfect Trinity, one God, world without end. Amen.

℣. O Lady, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

At Prime.

℣. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

℟. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

Hymn.

Hail, Virgin most wise!
  Hail, Deity's shrine!
With seven fair pillars,
  And table divine!

Preserved from the guilt
  Which hath come on us all!
Exempt in the womb,
  From the taint of the fall!

O, new star of Jacob!
  Of Angels the Queen,
O, gate of the Saints!
  O, Mother of men!

To Zabulon fearful,
  The embattled array!
Be thou of the faithful,
  The refuge and stay. Amen.

℣. The Lord himself created her in the Holy Ghost.

℟. And poured her out among all his works.

℣. O Lady, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

LET US PRAY.

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℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

At Tierce.

℣. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

℟. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

Hymn.

Hail, Solomon's throne,
  Pure ark of the law,
Fair rainbow and bush,
  Which the Patriarch saw.

Hail, Gideon's fleece!
  Hail, blossoming rod!
Sampson's sweet honey-comb;
  Portal of God!

Well fitting it was,
  That a Son so divine,
Should preserve from all touch
  Of original sin.

Nor suffer by smallest
  Defect to be stained,
That Mother, whom He
  For Himself had ordained. Amen.

℣. I dwell in the highest.

℟. And my throne is on the pillar of the clouds.

℣. O Lady, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us Pray.

Holy Mary, Queen of heaven, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Mistress of the world, who forsakest no one and despisest no one; look upon me, O Lady, with an eye of pity, and entreat for me, of thy beloved Son, the forgiveness of all my sins; that as I now celebrate with devout affection thy holy and Immaculate Conception, so, hereafter, I may receive the prize of eternal blessedness, by the grace of Him, whom thou in virginity, didst bring forth, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, with the Father,

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℣. O Lady, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

At Sext.

℣. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

℟. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

Hymn.

Hail, virginal Mother!
  Hail, purity's cell!
Fair shrine where the Trinity,
  Loveth to dwell!

Hail, garden of pleasure!
  Celestial balm!
Cedar of chastity!
  Martyrdom's palm!

Thou land set apart
From uses profane,
And free from the curse,
Which in Adam began!

Thou city of God!
Thou gate of the east!
In Thee is all grace,
O joy of the blest! Amen.

℣. As the lily among the thorns.

℟. So is my beloved among the daughters of Adam.

℣. O Lady, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

LET US PRAY.

Holy Mary, Queen of heaven, Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Mistress of the world, who forsakest no one and despisest no one; look upon me, O Lady, with an eye of pity, and entreat for me, of thy beloved Son, the forgiveness of all my sins; that as I now celebrate with devout affection thy holy and Immaculate Conception, so, hereafter, I may receive the prize of eternal blessedness, by the grace of Him, whom thou, in virginity, didst bring forth, Jesus Christ our Lord; who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth

in perfect Trinity, one God, world without end. Amen.

℣. O Lady, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

At None.

℣. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

℟. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

Hymn.

Hail, city of refuge!
  Hail, David's high tower!
With battlements crowned,
  And girded with power.

Filled at thy conception,
  With love and with light!
The dragon by thee
  Was shorn of his might.

O woman most valiant!
  O Judith thrice blest!
As David was nursed
  In fair Absaig's breast.

As the Saviour of Egypt
Upon Rachel's knee,
So the world's great Redeemer,
Was cherished by thee. Amen.

℣. Thou art all fair, my beloved.

℟. And the original stain was never in thee.

℣. O Lady, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

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At Vespers.

℣. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

℟. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

Hymn.

Hail, dial of Achaz!
  On thee the true sun
Told backward the course
  Which from old he had run.

And, that man might be raised,
  Submitting to shame,
A little more low
  Than the Angels became.

Thou, wrapt in the blaze
  Of His infinite light,
Dost shine as the morn
  On the confines of night.

As the moon on the lost
  Through obscurity dawns;
The serpent's destroyer
  A lily 'mid thorns! Amen.

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℟. Thanks be to God.

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℟. Amen.

At Compline.

℣. May Jesus Christ, thy Son, reconciled by thy prayers, O Lady, convert our hearts.

℟. And turn away His anger from us.

℣. O Lady, make speed to befriend me.

℟. From the hands of the enemy mightily defend me.

℣. Glory be to the Father, &c. Alleluia.

Hymn.

Hail, Mother most pure!
  Hail, Virgin renowned!
Hail, Queen of the stars
  As a diadem crowned!

Above all the Angels
  In glory untold,
Standing next to the king
  In a vesture of Fold!

O Mother of mercy!
  O star of the wave!
O hope of the guilty!
  O light of the grave!

Through thee may we come
  To the haven of rest;
And see heaven's King
  In the courts of the blest! Amen

℣. Thy name, O Mary, is as oil poured out.

℟. Thy servants have loved thee exceedingly.

℣. O Lady, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

LET US PRAY.

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℣. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

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℟. Amen.

THE COMMENDATION.

These praises and prayers,
I lay at thy feet,
O Virgin of virgins!
O Mary most sweet!

Be thou my true guide
Through this pilgrimage here,
And stand by my side
When death draweth near.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Thou art all fair,
And the stain of original sin was not in thee;
Thou art the glory of Jerusalem,
Thou art the joy of Israel;
Thou art the honor of our people,
Thou art the advocate of sinners;
O Mary, O Mary,
Virgin most prudent,
Mother most clement,
Pray for us,
Intercede for us
With our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ant. Thy Immaculate Conception, Virgin mother of God, brought joy to the

whole world; for out of thee arose the sun of justice, Christ, our God; who, lifting the curse from us, brought us blessings, and putting death to flight, gave us life eternal.

Ant. This is the rod in which was neither knot of original sin nor rind of actual guilt.

℣. In thy conception, O Virgin, thou wast Immaculate.

℟. Pray for us to the Father, whose Son thou didst bring forth.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, didst prepare a worthy habitation for thy Son, we beseech thee that, as in view of the death of that Son, thou didst preserve her from all stain of sin, so thou wouldst enable us, being made pure by her intercession, to come unto thee; through the same Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

THE MEMORARE.

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any

one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thine intercession, was abandoned by thee. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word, despise not my words, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

PRAYER, *En ego,*

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech Thee that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment, whilst with deep affection and grief of soul, I ponder within myself, and mentally contemplate Thy five most Precious Wounds; having before my eyes that which David spake in prophecy: "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have numbered all my bones."

A Plenary Indulgence. once a day, applicable to the souls in Purgatory, is annexed to this prayer, recited before a representation of Christ crucified, to all who confess and communicate, and pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

BENEDICTION.

O Salutaris Hostia,
  Quæ cœli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
  Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
  Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
  Nobis donet in patria.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
  Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
  Novo cedat ritui;
Præstet fides supplementum
  Sensuum defectui,

Genitori, Genitoque
  Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
  Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
  Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

℣. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis.
℟. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.
(*Easter time and Corpus Christi*, Alleluia.)

After Benediction.

Laudate Dominum ómnes gentes: * laudate eum ómnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericórdia ejus: * et veritas Domini manet ín æternum.

℣. Gloria Pátri, et Filio,* et Spiritúi Sancto.

℟. Sicut erat in principio, et núnc, et semper,* et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

Veni Creator.

Veni, Creator Spiritus,
  Mentes tuorum visita;
Imple superna gratia,
  Quae tu creasti, pectora.

Hostem repellas longius,
  Pacemque dones protinus:
Ductore sic te praevio
  Vitemus omne noxium.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
  Et Filio, qui a mortuis
Surrexit, ac Paraclito,
  In saeculorum saecula. Amen.

The Litany of Loretto.

Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Christe eleison.	Christ, have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy on us.
Christe audi nos.	Christ hear us.
Christe exaudi nos.	Christ, graciously hear us.
Pater de cœlis Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
Fili Redemptor mundi Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
Spiritus Sancte Deus, miserere nobis.	God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus, miserere nobis.	Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Sancta Maria,	Holy Mary, pray for us.
Sancta Dei genitrix,	Holy Mother of God,
Sancta Virgo virginum,	Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mater Christi,	Mother of Christ,
Mater divinæ gratiæ,	Mother of divine grace,
Mater purissima,	Mother most pure,
Mater castissima,	Mother most chaste,
Mater inviolata,	Mother inviolate,
Mater intemerata,	Mother undefiled,
Mater amabilis,	Mother most amiable,
Mater admirabilis,	Mother most admirable,
Mater Creatoris,	Mother of our Creator.
Mater Salvatoris,	Mother of our Saviour,
Virgo prudentissima,	Virgin most prudent,
Virgo veneranda,	Virgin most venerable,
Virgo prædicanda,	Virgin most renowned,
Virgo potens,	Virgin most powerful,
Virgo clemens,	Virgin most merciful,
Virgo fidelis.	Virgin most faithful,
Speculum justitiæ,	Mirror of Justice,
Sedes sapientiæ,	Seat of wisdom,
Causa nostræ lætitiæ,	Cause of our joy,
Vas spirituale,	Spiritual vessel,
Vas honorabile,	Vessel of honor,
Vas insigne devotionis,	Vessel of singular devotion.
Rosa mystica,	Mystical rose,
Turris Davidica,	Tower of David,
Turris eburnae,	Tower of ivory,

Ora pro nobis.

Pray for us.

Domus aurea,	House of gold,	Ora pro nobis. / Pray for us.
Fœderis arca,	Ark of the covenant,	
Janua cœli,	Gate of heaven,	
Stella matutina,	Morning star,	
Salus infirmorum,	Health of the sick,	
Refugium peccatorum,	Refuge of sinners,	
Consolatrix afflictorum,	Comfortress of the afflicted,	
Auxilium Christianorum,	Help of Christians,	
Regina Angelorum,	Queen of Angels,	
Regina patriarcharum,	Queen of patriarchs,	
Regina prophetarum,	Queen of prophets,	
Regina apostolorum,	Queen of apostles,	
Regina martyrum,	Queen of martyrs,	
Regina confessorum,	Queen of confessors,	
Regina virginum,	Queen of Virgins,	
Regina sanctorum omnium,	Queen of all saints,	
Regina sine labe originali concepta,	Queen conceived without original sin,	
Regina sanctissimi Rosarii,	Queen of the most holy Rosary,	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, parce nobis, Domine.	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, exaudi nos, Domine.	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.	
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.	
V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei genitrix.	V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.	
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.	R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.	

LET US PRAY.

Pour forth we beseech Thee O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Thy Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Salve Regina.

From Trinity Sunday till Advent.

Salve, regina, mater misericórdiæ! vita, dulcédo, et spes nostra, salve!

Ad te clamamus, éxules fílii Evæ. Ad te suspiramus, geméntes et flentes, in hac lacrymárum valle.

Eia ergo advocata nostra, illos tuos misericórdes óculos ad nos convérte.

Et Jesum benedíctum fructum ventris tui nobis post hoc exílium osténde.

O clemens! O pia! O dulcis Virgo María.

℣. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Génetrix!

℟. Ut digni, efficiámur promissiónibus Christi.

Alma Redemptoris.

Solo.

1 Alma, Alma, Alma, Redemptoris Mater quæ pervia cœli,
Porta manes et stella maris succurre cadenti.

Chorus.

Porta manes et Stella maris, succurre cadenti.

Solo.

2 Surgere qui curat populo tu quæ genuisti, Natura mirante,
Tuum sanctum Genitorem, tuum sanctum Genitorem.

Chorus.

Tuum sanctum Genitorem, tuum sanctum Genitorem.

Solo.

3 Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore, Sumens illud ave,
Peccatorum miserere, Peccatorum miserere.

CHORUS.

Peccatorum miserere, Peccatorum miserere.

(*In Advent.*)

℣. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.

℟. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

(*From Christmas to the Purification.*)

℣. Post partum Virgo inviolata permansisti.

℟. Dei Genitrix intercede pro nobis.

AVE REGINA.

From the Purification till Easter.

Ave Regína cœlórum!
Ave Dómina angelórum.
Salve, radix! salve, porta!
Ex qua mundo lux est orta.
Gaude, virgo gloriósa!
Super omnes spetiosa;
Vale, O valde decóra!
Et pro nobis Christum exóra.

℣. Dignáre me laudáre, virgo sacráta!

℟. Da mihi virtútem contra hostes tuos.

REGINA CŒLI.

From Easter till Trinity.

Regina cœli! lætáre, Alleluia;
Quia quem meruísti portáre, Alleluia;
Resurréxit, sicut dixit, Alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, Alleluia.

℣. Gaude et lætáre, Virgo María! Alleluia.

℟. Quia surréxit Dóminus vere, Alleluia.

Cor Jesu Sacratissimun.

Cor Jesu Sacratissimum;
Miserere nobis.
Cor Mariae Immaculatum,
Ora pro nobis.

(To be sung three times.)

Veni Jesu Amor mi.

Veni Jesu Amor mi,
Veni, Veni, Veni amor Jesu
Veni Jesu Amor mi,
Veni O Amor mi.
Veni Jesu Amor mi, *3 times.*
Veni, Veni, O Amor mi.
Veni Amor mi, Veni Amor mi.

O Sanctissima.

1 O sanctissima, O piissima,
Dulcis Virgo Maria,
Mater amata, intemerata,
Ora, ora pro nobis.
2 Tota pulchra es, O Maria,
Et macula non est in te.
Mater amata, intemerata,
Ora, ora pro nobis.
3 Sicut lilium, inter spinas,
Sic Maria inter filias.
Mater amata, intemerata,
Ora, ora pro nobis.
4 In miseria, in angustia,
Ora Virgo pro nobis.
Pro nobis ora, in mortis hora,
Ora, ora pro nobis.

Jesu Dulcis Memoria.

1 Jesu dulcis memoria,
Deus vera cordis gaudia;
Sed super mel et omnia,
Ejus dulcis præsentia
Jesu, Jesu, Jesu, dulcis memoria,
Jesu dulcis memoria, dulcis memoria.

2 Nil canitur suavius,
Nil auditur jucundius,
Nil cogitatur dulcius
Quam Jesu Dei Filius,
Jesu, Jesu, Jesu, dulcis memoria,
Jesu, dulcis memoria, dulcis memoria.

Jesus! Saviour of my Soul.

1 Jesus! Saviour of my soul,
Let me to Thy refuge fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is nigh.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into Thy haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Jesus: Saviour of my soul,
Let me to Thy refuge fly;
Ave, Ave, Jesus mild,
Deign to hear Thy lowly child.

2 Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee,
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Still support and strengthen me.
Hide me, &c.

3 All my trust in Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head,
With the cover of Thy wing.
Hide me, &c.

Stabat Mater.

1 Stabat Mater dolorosa,
Juxta crucem lachrymosa,
Dum pendebat Filius.

2 Cujus animam gementem,
Contristatam et dolentem,
Pertransivit gladius.

3 O quam tristis et afflicta,
Fuit illa benedicta,
Mater Unigeniti.

4 Quæ mœrebat, et dolebat,
Pia mater, dum videbat,
Nati pœnas inclyti.

5 Quis est homo, qui non fleret,
Christi matrem si videret,
In tanto supplicio?

6 Quis non posset contristari,
Piam matrem contemplari,
Dolentem cum filio.

7 Pro peccatis suæ gentis,
Vidit Jesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.

8 Vidit suum dulcem natum,
Morientem, desolatum,
Dum emisit spiritum.

9 Eia mater, fons amoris,
Me sentire vim doloris,
Fac ut tecum lugeam.

10 Fac ut ardeat cor meum,
In amando Christum Deum,
Ut illi complaceam.

11 Sancta mater! istud agas,
Crucifixi fige plagas
Cordi meo valide.

12 Tui Nati vulnerati,
Tam dignati pro me pati,
Pœnas mecum divide.

13 Fac me tecum pie flere,
Crucifixo condolere,
Donec ego vixero.

14 Juxta crucem tecum stare,
Et tibi me sociare,
In planctu desidero.

15 Virgo virginum præclara!
Mihi jam non sis amara,
Fac me tecum plangere.

16 Fac ut portem Christi mortem,
Passionis fac consortem,
Et plagas recolere.

17 Fac me plagis vulnerari,
Fac me cruce inebriari,
Et cruore Filii.

18 Inflammatus et accensus,
Per te, virgo! sim defensus,
In die judicii.

19 Fac me cruce custodiri,
Morte Christi præmuniri,
Confoveri gratia.

20 Quando corpus morietur,
Fac ut animæ donetur,
Paridisi gloria. Amen.

At the Cross Her Station Keeping.

1 At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.

2 Through her heart his sorrow sharing,
All his bitter anguish bearing,
Lo! the piercing sword had passed.

3 Oh, how sad and sore distressed
Was that mother highly blessed,
Of the sole-begotten One!

4 Christ above in torment hangs;
She beneath beholds the pangs
Of her dying glorious Son.

5 Is there one who would not weep,
Whelmed in miseries so deep,
Christ's dear mother to behold?

6 Can the human heart refrain
From partaking in her pain,
In that mother's pain untold?

7 Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
She beheld her tender child,
All with bloody scourges rent.

8 For the sin of his own nation,
Saw him hang in desolation,
Till his spirit forth he sent.

9 Let me mingle tears with thee,
Mourning him who mourned for me,
All the days that I may live.

10 By the cross with thee to stay;
There with thee to weep and pray,
Is all I ask of thee to give.

11 O thou mother! font of love!
Touch my spirit from above,
Make my heart with thine accord.

12 Make me feel as thou hast felt;
Make my soul to glow and melt
With the love of Christ our Lord.

13 Virgin of all virgins blest!
Listen to my fond request;
Let me share thy grief divine.

14 Let me to my latest breath,
In my body bear the death
Of that dying Son of thine.

15 Holy mother! pierce me through;
In my heart each wound renew,
Of my Saviour crucified.

16 Let me share with thee His pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.

17 Wounded with his every wound,
Steep my soul till it has swooned
In His very blood away.

18 While my body here decays,
May my soul thy goodness praise,
Safe in Paradise with thee.

At the Sanctus.

1 Hark! hark! the angels singing,
Through all the heav'nly coasts,
'Tis "Holy! Holy! Holy!
Art Thou Lord God of Hosts!"
The starry sky around us,
The shining earth below,
The greatness of Thy glory,
In bright effulgence show.

2 Then children, join your voices,
And sing with one accord
"Thrice blessed He who cometh
In Thy name, mighty Lord."
Hosanna in the highest!
To David's Son intone;
Thus may we sing in glory,
For ever 'round His throne.

At the Communion.

1 O Lord I am not worthy
That Thou shouldst come to me,
But speak the words of comfort,
My spirit healed shall be.

2 And humbly I'll receive Thee,
The Bridegroom of my soul,
No more by sin to grieve Thee,
Or fly Thy sweet control.

Oh, the Priceless Love of Jesus.

1 Oh, the priceless love of Jesus!
Oh, the strength of grace divine!
All his gifts are shower'd upon me,
All His blessings may be mine;
He is thron'd in heav'nly glory,
Where no sin nor death can be,
Yet He loves me in this darkness,
Yet He does not turn from me.

2 Storms of sorrow roll around me,
Darkling clouds above me meet;
But I hasten to my refuge,
At my Saviour's wounded feet.
O how lovingly my Jesus,
Thou dost with me ever bear;
I can never, never thank Thee,
For Thy Goodness and Thy care.

JESUS THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE.

1 Jesus, the very thought of Thee,
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest;
No sound, no harmony so gay,
Can art of music frame,
No thought can reach, no word can say,
The sweets of Thy blest name.

2 O hope of ev'ry contrite heart!
O joy of all the weak;
To those who fall how kind Thou art,
How good to those who seek!
But what to those who find? oh! this,
No tongue, no pen can show;
The love of Jesus what it is,
None but His loved ones know.

3 O Jesus, light of all below!
Thou fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire.
May every heart confess Thy name,
And ever Thee adore,
And seeking Thee, itself inflame,
To seek Thee more and more.

4 O Jesus! Thou the beauty art
Of angel worlds above;
Thy name is music to the heart,
Enchanting it with love.
For Thee I yearn, for Thee I sigh;
When wilt Thou come to me,
And make me glad eternally,
With one blest sight of Thee?

Jesus, my Lord my God.

1 Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all!
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope or thought?

Cho.—Sweet Sacrament! we Thee adore,
O make us love Thee more and more,
O make us love Thee more and more.

2 Had I but Mary's sinless heart,
To love Thee with, my dearest King,
O with what bursts of fervent praise,
Thy goodness Jesus, would I sing!
Sweet Sacrament! &c.

3 O see! within a creature's hand,
The vast Creator deigns to be,
Reposing, infant-like, as though
On Joseph's arm, on Mary's knee!
Sweet Sacrament! &c.

4 Thy Body, Soul, and Godhead, all
O mystery of love divine!
I cannot compass all I have,
For all Thou hast and art are mine!
Sweet Sacrament! &c.

5 Sound, sound His praises higher still,
And come, ye angels, to our aid,
'Tis God! 'tis God! the very God
Whose pow'r both man and angels made!
Sweet Sacrament! &c.

6 O earth, grow flow'rs beneath His feet,
And thou, O sun, shine bright this day,
He comes! He comes! O Heav'n on earth
Our Jesus comes upon His way!
Sweet Sacrament! &c.

3 When the brooding darkness hides me,
Bitter tears of pain I weep;
But, Thou loving One, Thou healest
All my sorrow, dark and deep.
Oh, Thy priceless love, my Jesus!
Human love and love divine;
Thou art gentle, Thou art mighty;
All Thy Sacred Heart is mine.

O Jesus, Jesus, Dearest Lord.

1 O Jesus, Jesus, dearest Lord,
Forgive me if I say,
For very love, Thy sacred name,
A thousand times a day.
I love Thee so, I know not how
My transports to control;
Thy love is like a burning fire,
Within my very soul,

2 O wonderful that Thou should'st let
So vile a heart as mine,
Love Thee with such a love as this,
And make so free with Thine.
The craft of this wide world of ours,
Poor wisdom seems to me;
Ah! dearest Jesus, I have grown
Childish with love of Thee.

3 For Thou to me art all in all,
My honor and my wealth,
My heart's desire, my body's strength,
My soul's eternal health.
Burn, burn, O love, within my heart,
Burn fiercely night and day;
Till all the dross of earthly love
Is burned and burned away.

4 O Light in darkness, Joy in grief,
O Heav'n begun on earth!
Jesus! my Love! my Treasure! who
Can tell what Thou art worth?
O Jesus, Jesus, sweetest Lord,
What art Thou not to me?
Each hour brings joys before unknown,
Each day new liberty.

5 What limit is there to Thee, love?
Thy flight where wilt Thou stay?
On, on! our Lord is sweeter far
To-day than yesterday.
O love of Jesus! blessed love!
So will it ever be;
Time cannot hold thy wondrous growth,
No, nor eternity.

To Jesus' Heart all Burning.

1 To Jesus' Heart, all burning,
With fervent love for men,
My heart with fondest yearning
Shall raise the joyful strain.

Cho.—While ages course along,
Blest be with loudest song
The sacred Heart of Jesus,
By every heart and tongue.

2 O Heart for me on fire,
With love no man can speak,
My yet untold desire,
God gives me for Thy sake.
While ages, &c.

3 Too true I have forsaken
Thy flock by wilful sin;
Yet now let me be taken
Back to Thy fold again.
While ages, &c.

4 As Thou art meek and lowly,
And ever pure of heart,
So may my heart be wholly
Of Thine the counterpart.
While ages, &c.

Sweet Saviour! Bless us ere we go.

1 Sweet Saviour! bless us ere we go,
Thy word into our minds instill;
And make our lukewarm hearts to glow,
With lowly love and fervent will.

Cho.—Through life's long day, and death's dark night,
O gentle Jesus be our light,
O gentle Jesus be our light.

2 The day is done, its hours have run;
And Thou hast taken count of all;
The scanty triumphs grace hath won,
The broken vow, the frequent fall.
Through life's &c.

3 Grant us, dear Lord! from evil ways,
True absolution and release;
And bless us more than in past days,
With purity and inward peace.
Through life's, &c.

4 Do more than pardon; give us joy;
Sweet fear and sober liberty;
And simple hearts without delay,
That only long to be like Thee.
Through life's, &c.

5 Sweet Saviour! bless us, night is come;
Mary and Joseph near us be;
Good angels watch about our home,
And we are one day nearer Thee.
Through life's, &c.

Jesus Crucified.

1 Oh! come and mourn with me awhile;
See! Mary calls us to her side;
Oh! come, let us mourn with her;
Jesus, our Love, is crucified!

2 Have we no tears to shed for Him,
While soldiers scoff and Jews deride?
Ah! look how patiently He hangs:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified!

3 Seven times He spoke, seven words of love,
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men:
Jesus, our love, is crucified!

4 Come take thy stand beneath the cross,
And let the Blood from out that side
Fall gently on thee drop by drop;
Jesus, our love is crucified!

5 A broken heart, a fount of tears,
Ask, and they will not be denied;
A broken heart love's cradle is:
Jesus, our love is crucified!

6 O love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love,
For He, our love, is crucified!

With Hearts truly Grateful.

1 With hearts truly grateful,
Come, all ye faithful,
To Jesus, to Jesus in Bethlehem;
See Christ your Saviour,
Heaven's greatest favor.

Let's hasten to adore Him;
Let's hasten to adore Him;
Let's hasten to adore Him;
Our God and King.

2 God to God equal,
Light to Light eternal:
Carried in Virgin's ever spotless womb;
He all preceded,
Begotten not created.
Let's hasten, &c.

3 Angels now praise Him,
Loud their voices raising,
The heavenly mansions with joy now ring,
Praise, honor, glory,
To Him who is most holy.
Let's hasten, &c.

4 To Jesus, born this day,
Grateful homage repay;
To Him who all heavenly gifts doth bring.
Word uncreated,
To our flesh united.
Let's hasten, &c.

Come, Holy Ghost.

1 Come, Holy Ghost, send down those beams,
Come, Holy Ghost, send down those beams.
Which sweetly flow in silent streams,
From Thy bright throne above.

2 O come Thou Father of the poor,
Thou bounteous source of all our store,
Come, warm our hearts with love divine,
Come, warm our hearts with love divine,
Thou bounteous source of all our store,
Come warm our hearts with love.
Come, Holy Ghost, &c.

3 Come Thou of Comforters the best;
Come, Thou the soul's delightful guest;
Come, Thou the soul's delightful guest,
The pilgrim's sweet relief.
Come, Holy Ghost, &c.

Easter Hymn.

1 O sons and daughters let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,
To-day is risen triumphing! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 On Sunday morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way,
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sat and spake unto them three,
"Your Lord doth go to Galilee." Alleluia.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 That night the Apostles met in fear,
Amidst them came the Lord most dear,
And said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 On this most holy day of days,
To Thee our heart and voice we raise,
In laud, and jubilee, and praise. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 Glory to Father and to Son,
Who has for us the victory won,
And Holy Ghost! blest Three in One. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Nearer my God to Thee.

1 Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

2 Deep in Thy Sacred Heart
  Let me abide,
Thou that hast bled for me,
  Sorrowed and died;
Sweet shall my weeping be,
  Grief surely leading me,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee.

3 Friends may depart from me,
  Night may come down,
Clouds of adversity
  Darken and frown;
Still through my tears I'll see
  Hope gently leading me,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
  Nearer to Thee.

Holy God, we Praise Thy Name.

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name!
  Lord of all we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
  All in heav'n above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy name.

2 Hark! the loud celestial hymn,
  Angel choirs above are singing!
Cherubim and Seraphim,
  In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord;
Holy! Holy! Holy Lord.

3 Lo! the apostolic train,
  Join Thy sacred name to hallow!
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
  And with white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn till set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee,
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

5 Thou art King of glory, Christ!
Son of God, yet born of Mary,
For us sinners, sacrificed,
And to death a tributary:
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast open'd Heav'n to Faith.

Hail, Heavenly Queen.

1 Hail, heavenly Queen! Hail, foamy ocean star!
O be our guide, diffuse thy beams afar;
Hail, Mother of God! above all virgins blest,
Hail, happy gate of heav'n's eternal rest.
Cho.—Hail, foamy ocean star! hail, heav'nly Queen!
O be our guide to endless joys unseen.

2 "Hail, full of grace," with Gabriel we repeat;
Thee, Queen of heav'n, from him we learn to greet;
Then give us peace which heav'n alone can give,
And dead thro' Eve, thro' Mary let us live.
Hail, foamy, &c.

3 O break our chains, our captive souls release;
O give us light, and let our darkness cease;
Let ev'ry ill that preys upon our hearts,
Fly at thy voice which every good imparts.
Hail, foamy, &c.

4 Our lives unstain'd, in purity preserve;
Nor e'er permit our ways from truth to swerve,
That when our time has rolled its rapid round,
We may with Christ, in heav'nly bliss be crown'd.
Hail, foamy, &c.

Maid Conceived without a Stain.

1 O Maid conceiv'd without a stain,
O Mother bright and fair,
Come thou within our hearts to reign,
And grace shall triumph there.
Hail Mary ever undefiled,
Hail, Queen of purity!
O make thy children chaste and mild,
And turn their hearts to thee.

2 Thou art far purer than the snow,
Far brighter than the day;
Thy beauty none on earth can know,
No tongue of men can say.
O Mother of all mothers blest,
Who soothest every grief,
In thee the weary find their rest,
And anguish'd hearts relief.

3 O then for us, thy children, plead,
Thy pity we implore;
That we from sin and sorrow freed,
May love thee more and more.
Hail, Mary, ever undefiled,
Hail, Queen of purity!
O make thy children chaste and mild,
And turn their hearts to thee.

Hail, Virgin of Virgins!

1 Hail, Virgin of Virgins!
Thy praises we sing,
Thy throne is in heaven,
Thy Son is its King;
The saints and the angels,
Thy glory proclaim;
All nations devoutly,
Bow down at thy name.

2 Let souls that are holy,
  Still holier be,
To sing with the angels,
  Sweet Mary of thee.
Let all who are sinners,
  To virtue return;
That hearts without number,
  With thy love may burn.

3 Thy name is our power,
  Thy love is our light;
We praise thee at morning,
  At noon and at night.
We thank thee, we bless thee,
  When happy and free,
When tempted by Satan,
  We call upon thee.

O Purest of Creatures.

1 O purest of creatures! sweet Mother, sweet Maid!
The one spotless womb wherein Jesus was laid,
Dark night has come down on us, Mother and we
Look out for thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea.

2 To sinners what comfort, to angels what mirth;
That God found one creature unfallen on earth,
One spot where His Spirit untroubled could be,
The depth of thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea.

3 So worship we God in these rude latter days;
So worship we Jesus our Love when we praise
His wonderful grace in the gift He gave thee,
The gift of clear shining, sweet Star of the Sea.

4 Deep night hath come down on us, Mother! deep night,
We need more than ever the guide of thy light;
For the darker the night is, the brighter should be
Thy beautiful shining, sweet Star of the Sea.

Joy, Joy, the Mother Comes.

1 Joy! joy! the Mother comes,
And in her arms she brings
The Light of all the world,
The Christ the King of kings;
And in her heart the while
All silently she sings.

2 Saint Joseph follows near,
In rapture lost and love,
While angels round about,
In glowing circles move;
And o'er the mother broods
The Everlasting dove.

3 There in the temple court,
Old Simeon's heart beats high,
And Anna feeds her soul
With food of prophecy;
But, see! the shadows pass,
The world's true Light draws nigh.

4 O Infant God! O Christ!
O Light most beautiful!
Thou comest, Joy of joys!
All darkness to annul;
And brightest lights of earth,
Beside Thy Light are dull.

Oh! Mary! Mother Mary!

1 Oh! Mary! Mother Mary!
We place our trust in thee,
Our faith shall never vary,
Tho' weak the flesh may be.
Too oft with steps unwary,
From duty's path we bent:
Oh! Mary! Mother Mary!
Thou teach us to repent.

2 The grisly form of terror,
  Now rises in our way,
Now more seducive error,
  Would lead our feet astray.
Satan is strong and wary,
  But thou wilt crush his might:
Oh! Mary! Mother Mary!
  Strengthen us in the fight.

Name of Mary.

1 It is the name of Mary,
  Which we to-day proclaim,
Come all ye Mary's children,
  To sing that lovely name.
Come sing that name, dear children,
  It is your mother's own;
Unite our hearts and praises,
  And waft them to her throne.

2 A name of pow'r and sweetness,
  Her name to us so dear,
A name of awe and grandeur,
  But grandeur free from fear.
Sweet name all strong yet tender,
  That name we love so well,
The joy of earth and heaven,
  The fear and dread of hell.

3 O name by which we triumph
  O'er hell's embattled foes,
The victor's meed of glory,
  And solace in his woes.
Earth has no name so gentle,
  Nor heaven one so sweet,
A balm to wounded feelings,
  Bright light to wayward feet.

Heart of Mary, Heart the Purest.

1 Heart of Mary, heart the purest,
Ever shrined in mortal frame;
Blest asylum who securest,
All who thy protection claim.

2 Hear the prayer of one whose weekness,
Most demands a mother's care:
One to whom thy looks, all meekness,
Counsel hope, forbid despair.

3 Round me tempests gath'ring lower,
As I tread life's desert way;
And a foe in matchless power,
Marks for me his destined prey.

4 To some spot where ne'er might hover,
Danger's shadow I would flee;
But, ah! where that spot discover,
Where, ah! Mary, but in thee.

Fading, Still Fading.

1 Fading, still fading, the last beam is shining:
Ave Maria day is declining:
Safety and innocence fly with the light,
Temptation and danger walk forth in the night.
From the fall of the shade till the matin shall shine:
Shield us from danger and save us from crime.

Cho.—Ave Maria, Ave Maria,
Ave Maria, audi nos.

2 Ave Maria! oh! hear when we call!
Mother of Him who is Saviour of all;
Feeble and falling we trust in thy might,
In doubting and darkness, thy love be our light.
Let us sleep on thy breast while the night taper burns,
And wake in thy care when the morning returns.

Cho.—Ave Maria, &c.

'Tis the Month of our Mother.

1 'Tis the month of our Mother,
The blessed and beautiful days,
When our lips and our spirits
Are glowing with love and with praise.

Cho.—All hail! to dear Mary,
The guardian of our way,
To the fairest of Queens,
Be the fairest of seasons, sweet May.

2 Oh! what peace to her children,
'Mid sorrow and trials to know,
That the love of their Mother
Hath ever a solace for woe.
All hail! &c.

3 And what joy to the erring,
The sinful and sorrowful soul;
That a trust in her guidance,
Will lead to a glorious goal.
All hail! &c.

4 Let us sing then, rejoicing,
That God hath so honored our race,
As to clothe with our nature,
Sweet Mary, the Mother of grace.
All hail! &c.

O Blest for e'er the Mother.

1 O blest for e'er the Mother,
And Virgin full of grace,
Who bore Our God, our brother,
The Saviour of our race.
Sweet Jesus, low before Thee,
We bend in fear and love,
O grant we may adore Thee,
In Thy bright realms above. :||

2 Pure as the light of heaven,
In meekness nearest Thee,
'Tis Thou hast Mary given,
Our guide, our friend to be.
Sweet Mother, tears are falling,
From hearts that love thy Son;
Then hear thy children calling
On thee, and bless thy own.

As the Dewy Shades of Even.

1 As the dewy shades of even,
Gather o'er the balmy air,
Listen, gentle Queen of heaven,
Listen to my vesper prayer.
Holy Mother, near me hover,
Free my thoughts from aught defiled,
With thy wings of mercy cover,
Safe from harm thy helpless child.

2 Thine own sinless heart was broksn,
Sorrow's sword had pierced its core.
Holy Mother, by that token,
Now thy pity I implore.
Queen of heaven, guard and guide me,
Save my soul from dark despair,
In thy tender bosom hide me,
Take me, Mother, to thy care.

3 Mother of my Infant Saviour,
Spouse of God, my plaint, O hear;
Purest Virgin, gracious Matron,
O relieve me by thy prayer.
From thy happy seat in Zion,
Light me thro' this dark abode,
Smile, O! gently smile upon me,
Tell my sorrow to my God.

Hail, Virgin, Dearest Mary.

1 Hail, Virgin, dearest Mary!
Our lovely Queen of May;
O spotless, blessed lady,
Our lovely Queen of May.

2 Thy children humbly bending
Around thy shrine so dear,
With heart and voice ascending—
Sweet Mary, hear our prayer.
Hail, Virgin, &c.

3 Behold earth's blossoms springing,
In beauteous form and hue;
All nature gladly bringing
Her sweetest charms to you.
Hail, Virgin, &c.

4 We'll gather fresh, bright flowers,
To bind our fair Queen's brow;
From gay and verdant bowers,
We haste to crown thee now.
Hail, Virgin, &c.

5 And now, our blessed Mother,
Smile on our festal day,
Accept our wreath of flowers,
And be our Queen of May.
Hail, Virgin, &c.

Mother Dear, O Pray for Me.

1 Mother dear, O pray for me!
Whilst far from heav'n and thee,
I wander in a fragile bark,
O'er life's tempestuous sea!
O Virgin Mother, from thy throne,
So bright in bliss above,
Protect thy child and cheer my path,
With thy sweet smile of love.

Cho.—Mother dear, remember me,
And never cease thy care,
'Till in heaven eternally,
Thy love and bliss I share.

2 Mother dear, O pray for me!
Should pleasure's syren lay,
E'er tempt thy child to wander far
From virtue's path away;
When thorns beset life's devious way,
And darkling waters flow,
Then Mary, aid thy weeping child,
Thyself a mother show.
Mother dear, &c.

3 Mother dear, O pray for me!
When all looks bright and fair,
That I may all my dangers see,
For surely then 'tis near;
A Mother's prayer how much we need
If prosperous be the ray,
That paints with gold the flow'ry mead,
Which blossoms in our way.
Mother dear, &c.

Macula non est in te.

1 Daughter of a mighty Father,
Maiden patron of the May,
Angel forms around thee gather:
Macula non est in te.
Macula non est in te.—4 times.

2 Mother of the Son and Saviour,
Of the Truth, the Life, the Way,
Guide our footsteps, calm our passions:
Macula non est in te.
Macula non est in te.—4 times.

3 Spouse of the Eternal Spirit,
Blossom which will ne'er decay,
Let us by thy love inherit,
Macula non est in te.
Macula non est in te.—4 times.

4 Daughter, Mother, Spouse of heaven,
Listen to our earnest lay,
Sweetest gift to man e'er given:
Macula non est in te.
Macula non est in te.—4 times.

5 Here on earth we see but darkly,
But we hail afar the day,
When we'll see thee in thy splendor:
Macula non est in te.
Macula non est in te.—4 times.

6 We are earth's O! thou who blossom'd,
Lily in the thorny way,
Guide and help us, love and bless us:
Macula non est in te.
Macula non est in te.—4 times.

On this Day, O Beautiful Mother.

1 On this day, O beautiful Mother,
On this day we give thee our love,
Near thee, Madonna, fondly we hover,
Trusting thy gentle care to prove.

2 On this day we ask to share,
Dearest Mother, thy sweet care;
Aid us ere our feet astray
Wander from thy guiding way.
On this day, &c.

3 Queen of angels, deign to hear,
Lisping children's humble pray'r;
Young hearts gain, O Virgin pure,
Sweetly to thyseif allure.
On this day, &c.

4 Rose of Sharon, lovely flow'r,
Beauteous bud of Eden's bow'r;
Cherished lily of the vale,
Virgin Mother, Queen we hail.
On this day, &c.

5 In vain the flow'rs of love we bring,
In vain sweet music's notes we sing,
If contrite heart and lowly prayer,
Guide not our gifts to thy bright sphere
On this day, &c.

6 Fast our days of life we run,
Soon the night of death will come;
Tower of strength in that dread hour,
Come with all thy gentle power.
On this day, &c.

Holy Patron! Thee Saluting.

1 Holy Patron! thee saluting,
Here we meet with hearts sincere;
Blest Saint Joseph, all uniting,
Call on thee to hear our pray'r.

Cho.—Happy Saint, in bliss adoring,
Jesus, Saviour of mankind;
Hear thy children thee imploring,
May we thy protection find.

2 Worldly dangers for them fearing,
Youthful hearts to thee we bring,
Grant, in virtue persevering,
Vice may ne'er their bosom sting.
Happy Saint, &c.

3 Thou who faithfully attended,
Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
Who with pious care defended,
Mary, Virgin ever pure.
Happy Saint, &c.

4 May our fervent pray'rs ascending.
Move thee for our souls to plead,
And thy smile of peace descending,
Benedictions on us shed.
Happy Saint, &c.

God Bless our Pope.

1 Full in the panting heart of Rome,
Beneath th' Apostles' crowning dome,
From pilgrims' lips that kiss the ground,
Breathes in all tongues one only sound—
God bless our Pope, the great, the good!
3 times.

2 Ths golden roof, the marble walls,
The Vatican's majestic halls,
The note redouble, till it fills,
With echos sweet the Seven Hills—
God bless our Pope, the great, the good!
3 times

3 From torrid South to frozen North,
The waves harmonious stretches forth,
Yet strikes no chord more true to Rome's
Than rings within our hearts and homes—
God bless our Pope, the great, the good!
3 timse.

4 For, like the sparks of unseen fire,
That speak along the magic wire,
From home to home, from heart to heart,
These words of countless children dart—
God bless our Pope, the great, the good!
3 times.

5 To homes and hearts of saints above,
Which link'd with ours in thought and love,
Repeating, bless the pilgrims' strain,
As showers enrich with borrowed rain—
God bless our Pope, the great, the good!
3 times.

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